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### The April Elections

**D**URING the first week in April ballots are being mailed from A.R.R.L. Headquarters to every member of the League residing in the United States and Canada, the U. S. members to elect a Director to represent the division in which they live and the Canadians to elect the A.R.R.L. Canadian General Manager.

There now devolves upon every one of us A.R.R.L. members not only an opportunity but serious duty. Our new constitution gives us a greater measure of democracy than we have ever had before, and we must use it in this first election held thereunder for the choice of a new A.R.R.L. Board. The system of government we have adopted is helpful to A.R.R.L. only if it reflects the wishes of the majority of its members. In voting for the members of our new Board, then, we are not only exercising a privilege but fulfilling a solemn duty, worthy of our most serious forethought.

A.R.R.L. has a glorious history of achievement and progress. It has done much to advance short-wave radio. It stands for the best in Amateur Radio, a power for good always. It provides the opportunity for co-operation, so essential in our lives as radio amateurs. It represents and protects us in our relations with the rest of the world, where, unaided, we would fall.

A.R.R.L. must carry on. Much depends upon the new Board. Altho the new directors will be elected as the representatives of certain areas, they are the governing power of the League in all its matters. Every League member therefore should give deep consideration to the choice of the director from his territory, to the end that the men put into office will have been selected not only because they can represent their territory but because they are endowed also with vision, wisdom, fairness, and ability as leaders, so that in all things they will act for the greatest good of our A.R.R.L.

### B.C.L. Amateurs

**W**E amateurs, who love amateur radio for its own sweet sake, can find much encouragement and hopefulness in the fact that there is only an insignificant percentage of the millions of people listening to broadcasts who do not

get bitten by the mysterious little bug and straightaway graduate from the viewpoint of regarding radio purely as they do their phonograph. The overwhelming majority of the B.C. fans have become amateurs in their own game, much closer to us telegraphing amateurs than it ever appeared they would be, and except that their interest lies in reception only and in telephony instead of telegraphy, they are becoming of much the same breed as ourselves. They are circuit hounds, tireless experimenters; their aim is greater DX and they compare their records even as you and we. We admire an article appearing in a recent issue of the Southern California Radio Association Bulletin so much that we want to reproduce it here, with its welcome to B.C.L.'s, as an example of what we think the amateur's attitude should be everywhere:

"The Broadcast Listener is usually one of two types: he is either one who takes radio for granted and who is not at all interested in what makes the wheels go 'round or he is of the experimenter type, exceedingly curious to learn the whys and wherefores of radio.

"The designation 'amateur' is from the French, and means 'lover' or 'admirer.' Radio amateurs are just that—they love radio: they enjoy unraveling its mysteries; they enthuse over circuits, diagrams, theories and practice; they get a thrill from tinkering with radio—not in a haphazard way—but with a definite scientific object in view. They are for Better Radio, the most fascinating and absorbing study that is available to all!

"A part of radio's thrill is the glory of 'working' a fellow amateur. One may putter around with a few odds and ends and emerge with a capable radio transmitting set—a set capable of reaching far, far away. This thrill needs to be experienced just once, to be understood and appreciated. It's a g-r-a-n-d 'n' glorious feeling!

"The ranks of amateur radio are open to all BCL's who are real, dyed-in-the-wool amateurs; who love the mysteries of radio and would appreciate good fellowship and sound technical advice and help. If you are of this type, and have not yet become a 'ham' (as the amateur prefers to call himself) this association welcomes you to its ranks.

"Our members are always glad to co-operate with the BCL in every respect. We who love radio are only too glad to

be of help to those who are looking for the ultimate in radio, and our hand is extended to this end!"

Make that be your policy too, O.M.—we want the fellows of this type in Amateur Radio.

### NOTICE TO OUR NEWSSTAND READERS

As announced in our last issue, the Traffic Department Report and the "Calls

Heard" Department have been eliminated from the newsstand edition of QST because our non-member readers in general are not particularly interested in them. This results in a saving in expense which makes possible the publication of a larger and better QST.

These two departments are included in the edition supplied to members of the A.R. R.L. If you are interested in them, it is proof positive that you ought to be a member of the League. May we not direct you to the handy application blank appearing on page 88 of this issue?

## Something New in Radio Frequency Amplifiers

By M. B. Sleeper\*

The simplest way of doing a thing always deserves respectful consideration. It is often very much worth while to sacrifice something to gain simplicity. Mr. Sleeper here presents a tuned radio-frequency amplifier which does not oscillate under the ordinary conditions of broadcast reception, altho no unusual circuit is employed.

The transmitting amateur will find the article interesting reading, partly because he too may soon be using non-oscillating receivers, still more because his family is certainly interested in phone reception.

—Technical Editor.

**L**AST year I designed a variometer with the idea of making it in such a way that the change of inductance from minimum to maximum would be very great, while the distributed capacity and the resistance at radio frequencies would be exceedingly low. The variometer turned out even better than my

ly hit upon a design which was both economical in the matter of molds and did away with a lot of trouble and worry. It did *not* provide a variocoupler, to be sure, but something better, a *fixed* coupler.

Figure 1 shows the variometer and also the fixed coupler. The latter is simply the variometer stator frame with a special winding. Altho you cannot see this in the illustration, the winding is broken so that a small part is brought out to two binding posts as a primary for the fixed coupler, while the balance serves as the secondary coil.

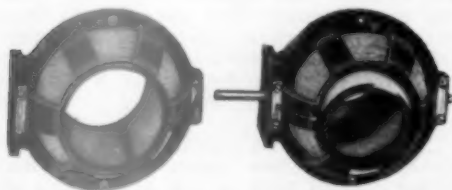


Fig. 1. Sleeper Variometer and Fixed Coupler.

expectations, and I felt well pleased with myself, both because the variometer was good electrically, and because, in simplifying the mechanical design, I avoided the well-known wot-blanket of radio—patent infringement.

However, I was soon informed that an unusually good variometer was not so good unless it had an equally good variocoupler to go with it. The molds for Bakelite parts are expensive, unbelievably expensive in fact, so there is a very definite economical advantage in using the same parts for both variometer and variocoupler. I final-

#### Why a Fixed Coupler Is Satisfactory

Perhaps you are in the habit of using a vario-coupler because you think the variable coupling is necessary. If you stop to think you will realize that, however much you turn the coupling-control knob, you finally leave it at just a few degrees on the scale. Really, you don't need to vary it at all if it is kept fairly loose. Also, in ordinary amateur and broadcast reception, it is the custom to do very little tuning in the antenna or primary circuit. The fixed coupler, then, provided the twin for the variometer in the form of an inexpensive instrument which replaced the vario-coupler and at the same time did away with primary switches, soldered taps and coupling variations. I felt better after that.

#### Another Use for the Fixed Coupler

About that time David Grimes, I.D., (I.D. stands for Inverse Duplex) appeared on

\* M. B. Sleeper, Inc., Technical Publisher.

the scene. I thought I was something of an experimenter but I.D. can think of more things to do without stopping than I can if I sit up the night before planning them. When he suggested that the fixed coupler be used as a tuned radio-frequency amplifying transformer, I dropped everything to see what could be done in that direction. At the same time he rushed to Penmar-davem's to make out a patent application.

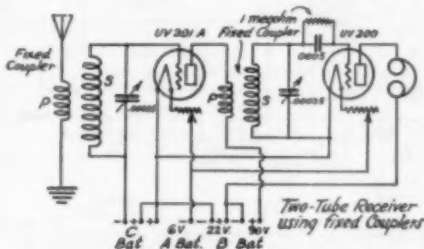


FIG. 2

and, by the time I found out how they worked, he had reached the Q.E.D. of his claims thereon. Which was as it should have been, for it was his idea. For my part I am glad enough that I can pass the story along to other Experimenters.

### As an R.F. Amplifying Transformer

The simplest application of the fixed coupler to radio frequency amplification is illustrated in Fig. 2. Here is a 2-tube set with one step of radio amplification and an audio detector. A fixed coupler is used as the input tuner, just as a vario-coupler might be connected. The secondary is tuned from 200-600 meters by a .00025 microfarad variable condenser. The plate circuit of the first tube is connected thru the primary winding of another fixed coupler, with the secondary tuned by another .00025 condenser and connected to a detector tube, preferably a UV-200 or C-300.

First off, you will say that there is nothing new about this circuit. But there is, as it has been constructed here, for it has all the advantages of tuned radio frequency, yet it does not oscillate. (This is correct within limits only—see the "Appendix for Amateurs"—Tech. Ed.) To be sure, ordinary tuned radio-frequency circuits can be prevented from oscillating by using a potentiometer to put a *positive* charge on the grid but the effect of this is as if a resistance were connected across

the tuning condenser, making the signals weaker, the tuning broader, and the B-battery consumption much greater (which can be said also of the practice of putting an actual resistance across the tuned circuit, or in series with it). In the present circuit however, the *negative* voltage from the C-battery saves the B-battery.

Perhaps you don't understand why it won't oscillate. I might claim that it won't because there is nothing to make it, but that wouldn't be quite fair. To make the circuit oscillate, a fairly large inductance must be put into the plate circuit of the tube, either by putting it directly in as the primary of the r.f. transformer, or (what is exactly equivalent) by putting it into the secondary circuit and using a low ratio of transformations. The design of these couplers is such that the inductance in the plate circuit is not sufficient to cause oscillation. That's a very simple reason. (See "Appendix for Amateurs" for details.)

### Circuits

The arrangement can be substituted for a radio frequency transformer in plain radio-frequency circuits, reflex, or inverse duplex circuits. Fig. 3 shows a 5-tube set, giving two stages of r.f. amplification. If you are clever at putting things together you can arrange the three condensers to be controlled by a single knob. Verniers, either separate or in the form of an extra plate, are needed on the second and third condensers to get a perfect adjustment. A loop may be connected to the first condenser in place of the first fixed-coupler.

Figures 4, 5 and 6 show one of the best sets I have ever used, a one-step reflex

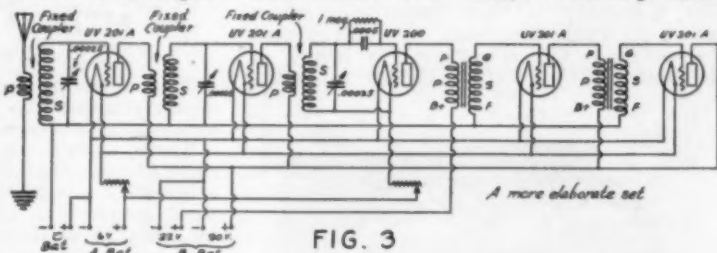


FIG. 3

receiver with an audion detector. You will see that two fixed couplers are used, one between the antenna and the first tube as an input tuner and another as a tuned radio-frequency transformer. Both tuning condensers have a maximum capacity of .00025 microfarad.

An exceedingly interesting circuit is shown in Fig. 7. This diagram (shown by permission of the Sleeper Radio Corporation licensee for the Grimes Inverse Duplex Inventions), is a Grimes Inverse Duplex Set. When used on an antenna within a mile of WEAF the tuning is so

sharp that WEA, operating on 495 meters, could not be heard when the controls were set on WDP, 502 meters. Great range is also possible when a loop is substituted for the first fixed coupler, but tuning then becomes so sharp that recep-



Fig. 4. Two-tube Reflex Receiver.

tion largely becomes a matter of luck in striking the right combination for the three dials. In place of the tapped loop shown (and usual with Grimes sets) an antenna may be used, and the secondary of the first fixed-coupler tapped to permit adjustment of the voltage applied to the grid of the first tube. This is necessary on strong signals to prevent overloading the tube.

#### The C-Battery and the Choice of Tubes

Either UV-199 (C-299) or UV-201-A (C-301-A) tubes may be used thruout, altho 201-A's (C-301-A's), with a UV-200 (C-300) detector, give the best results. The C-battery is very important, where shown in these diagrams, for the current drawn from the B-batteries is heavy at the best. With UV-199 (C-299) tubes the

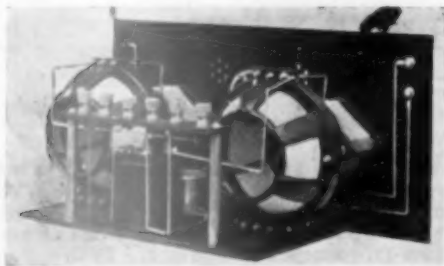


Fig. 5. Construction of 2-tube Reflex Set.

saving effected by the low filament current consumption is small compared to the increase in B-battery cost, unless the C-battery is employed. 1½ to 4½ volts are required. Since the life of the C-battery is practically its shelf life, its use is many

times repaid. The new Eveready-3 is a handy unit; the same battery can be used for the filaments of UV-199 (C-299) tubes.

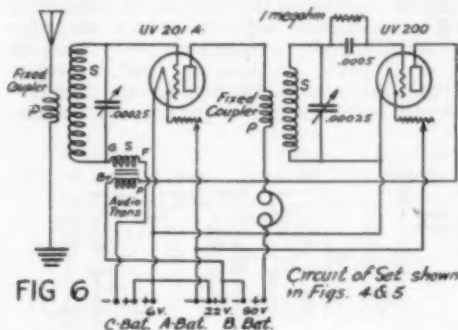


FIG 6

Circuit of Set shown in Figs. 4 & 5

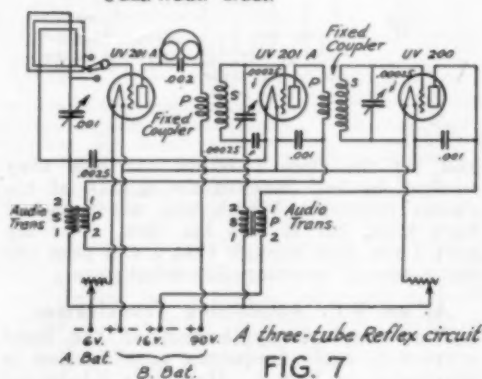


FIG. 7

At a slight sacrifice in results UV-199 (C-299) tubes can be used thruout.

#### AN APPENDIX FOR AMATEURS

By the Technical Editor

When reading hastily, it is so easy to misunderstand Mr. Sleeper's claims, that an explanation seems strictly necessary.

There is nothing unique about the circuits shown; that claim is not made. The originality lies in the proportioning of the fixed couplers in such a fashion that the tendency to oscillate is not troublesome as long as ordinary receiving antennas are used. This may be explained as follows.

The tendency to oscillate arises from the fact that a fairly high inductive load is placed in the plate circuits of most r.f. amplifiers, especially those of the tuned variety. If this inductive load is kept low enough the tendency to oscillate will not be troublesome as long as the antenna resistance is fairly high. Now the inductance in the plate circuit of such a set as here described can be cut down by using few primary turns and a step-up ratio in the fixed couplers. This is what Mr. Sleeper has done.

With a low resistance amateur antenna-



and-counterpoise this device does not usually suffice and oscillations cannot be fully prevented unless resistance is introduced (as in the Grebe CR-12 and CR-13) or some other device used as described in "Anti-Regenerative Amplification", (QST for January, page 12). This is a pretty safe statement—in fact it is so safe that the Technical Editor is authorized to say that a prominent laboratorian makes the following offer: \$100, cash in hand, for even a single-stage r.f. amplifier, having a tuned transformer giving a *non-regenerative* amplification of 3 or more per stage, which he cannot cause to oscillate in the course of ordinary reception, when connected to the low resistance antenna at his laboratory. Amplifiers in which the grid-plate capacity is balanced (Rice, Hazeltine, etc.) are of course barred.

#### "Rolling Your Own"

At the last moment we have a letter from Mr. Sleeper in which he gives the following constructional information for those who wish to try it first with home-made equipment. A fixed coupler equivalent to the one pictured (except in looks) can be made by winding on a 3-inch tube 45 turns of #22 S.S.C. wire, then leaving a space of  $\frac{1}{8}$  inch or  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch and winding 6 turns of the same wire. The small winding is the primary and the end of it nearest to the secondary goes to the B-battery, the other end to the plate.

The long winding is the secondary; the end farthest from the primary goes to the grid. A one-wire antenna 20 feet high and 100-300 feet long is recommended.

For amateur work both windings may be reduced about one half.

## Loose-Coupled Transmitting Circuits

By Maurice G. Goldberg, 9ZG ex-9APW

"We amateurs are a fairly considerate lot and most of us pay some attention to the QRM our transmitters cause the other fellow in the same neighborhood. Some of us put in good filter systems; some put in loose-coupled transmitters; and a few of us try to combine the two into the ideal amateur transmitters. Having discoursed somewhat on filter systems in QST with good effect<sup>1</sup> it is the writer's intention to invite a more pronounced interest in loose-coupled circuits for transmitters in order to reduce interference and swinging signals and to increase the efficiency of many transmitters."

**T**HE loose-coupled transmitter has many advantages over nine tenths of the circuits used in our amateur stations. It is far superior to all direct-coupled sets in that it reduces key thumps which are prevalent with all direct-coupled sets using any of the common methods of keying (which is more than enough cause for throwing out all of our present circuits.—Tech. Ed.) The loose-coupled transmitter will work very near the fundamental of the antenna without any need for series condensers. (Neither is there any need for care about the location of the antenna nodal point as there is with direct-coupled sets.—Tech. Ed.) Finally, the loose-coupled set emits a steadier wave as the tuned primary has a stabilizing effect and prevents swinging<sup>2</sup>.

#### Drawbacks

The only drawback to the use of a loose-coupled transmitting transmitter is the necessity of using a good variable conden-

ser to tune the primary circuit<sup>3</sup>. If any amount of power is being used this condenser will have to be immersed in Transil or castor oil, as the current in the primary circuit may be anything from 10 to 100 amperes. (We can't agree with this—the current is generally within 50% of the antenna current. At 8AQO-8XH, with 3 UV-204 tubes the primary current is about 10 amperes altho 2 kilowatts are being put into the antenna.—Tech. Ed.) The size of the wire in the primary will have to be larger than ordinarily used in direct-coupled circuits. Number 12 copper wire might carry the current in a direct-coupled set but will get hot enough to fry eggs when used in the primary circuit of a loose-coupled set.

#### The Set at 9ZG-9APW

In Fig. 1 is shown the circuit in use at station 9ZG-9APW with the values of capacity and inductance shown. It will be noticed that the variable condenser shunts only a part of the plate inductance, the best number of turns being found by noticing the combination that will give the highest reading on the antenna ammeter when adjusted in the fashion explained later in this article.

At the writer's station the "reversed-feedback" circuit of Fig. 1 is used because it has been found best suited for the peculiar conditions of this location. No

1—Mr. Goldberg was first to make experiments on amateur filters and to give the results to the rest of us—see QST for April, 1923, page 14. This was the start of the movement for good plate supplies which has called forth Prof. Dellenbaugh's classic article and the Reinarts Modulator scope.

2—Swinging is a change in wavelength, back and forth. This is not the same thing as fading which is a change in the strength of the signal.

3—See the article on antenna series condensers in last issue; these condensers can also be used in tuning the primary circuit of a loose-coupled set.

grid-tuning condenser was found necessary, which is fortunate as that would make two tuning adjustments in the primary circuit. Four turns of No. 26 wire have been found to work best as a grid coil. Such small wire can only be used

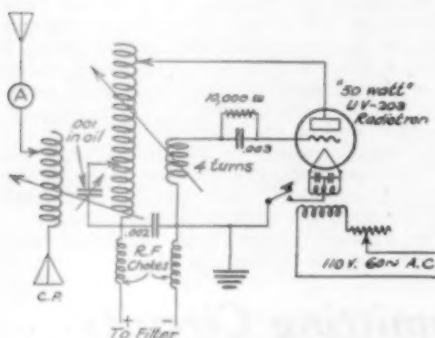


FIG. 1 LOOSE-COUPLED "REVERSED FEED-BACK" CIRCUIT USED AT 9ZG-9APW

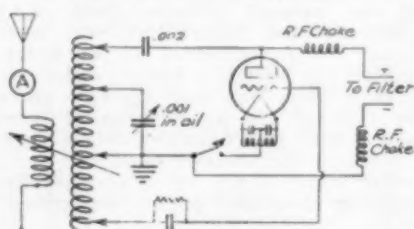
where the grid-tuning condenser can be eliminated. At a wavelength of 220 meters the primary tuning condenser works best (at this station) when placed across 11 turns of the plate inductance. At this wavelength 8 turns are used in the antenna circuit between the antenna and the counterpoise clips. The primary tuning condenser is set at 35 on a 100 division scale; the maximum capacity being .001 before immersing in oil, probably .004 at present. For shorter waves fewer turns should be used in both inductances and the primary tuning condenser adjusted for the wavelength desired.

#### Tuning

To shift the wavelength it is only necessary to change the position of the antenna clip on the secondary coil by a few turns and then turn the primary tuning condenser until highest antenna current is obtained with good "pickup". It will be found that in moving the primary condenser (with the key down) it is possible to make an adjustment giving .3 to .5 ampere more antenna current than can be "picked up" when the key is operated. In other words it is possible to raise the antenna current to perhaps 5 amperes by holding the key down and adjusting the primary condenser but the set will not oscillate promptly on this adjustment and may fail to work at times, the result being that the tubes heat badly. To avoid this condition the primary circuit is worked at a slightly lower wavelength. This best adjustment is found by holding the key down and gradually bringing the primary condenser up toward the resonance point. As the resonance point is approached the

antenna current rises. The best operating position is the one giving the highest possible antenna current *without* giving unsteady operation. Working too close to the resonance point will result in unsteady operation and working too far from it will reduce the antenna current. Adjust the primary condenser to a point that seems to give prompt pickup each time the key is depressed. This adjustment will be, as already stated, a little below the resonance peak. The peak itself can be detected by a terrific "Bang!" in the receiver as the primary condenser is swung thru the resonance point. Place the receiving set at a considerable distance from the sending set and listen carefully while sending the alphabet clear thru, noting carefully if any of the letters "miss out" (It may sound unreasonable but a set of this sort will at times work perfectly on some letters and miss others regularly. —Tech. Ed.) If one hears every letter it is a fair certainty that the best operating point has been found. If, however, one or more letters miss out the best point has not been found and the condenser should be set a trifle lower and the operation repeated until every letter sent can be copied in the phones. This had better be checked by sending to a local station until one has become used to the circuit.

One must not be deceived by the slight drop in antenna current when this adjustment is made. As stated before the reduction from the maximum will be from .3 to .5 ampere but of what use is a large antenna current unless the signals can be read? Besides, even after this adjustment is made a good loose coupled set will still produce a higher antenna current than can be gotten with most direct-coupled



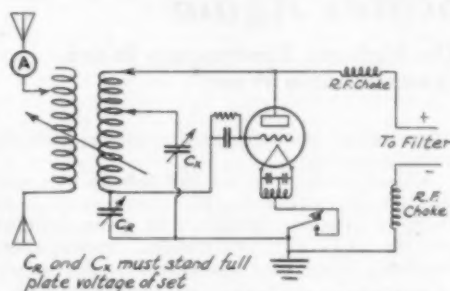
LOOSE-COUPLED HARTLEY CIRCUIT  
FIG. 2

sets. At the writer's station it is possible with one 50-watt tube to get an antenna current of an ampere when only  $\frac{1}{2}$  turn of inductance is used in the antenna circuit. With one turn the current is 2.1 amperes. Thus we are able to work effectively near the antenna fundamental *without* using series condensers.

#### Circuits

The Meissner Circuit, being inherently

loose-coupled, is not shown. The ordinary loose-coupled circuits with tuned primaries (Hartley and Colpitts) have an advantage over the Meissner in that they are somewhat more stable because of the steadying effect of the tuned primary. The Meissner circuit is affected by everything that happens in the antenna circuit; if the antenna falls down in a storm or is grounded accidentally the tubes will at once stop oscillation and draw a very heavy overload. The same effect takes place to some extent when the insulators are wet by a rain. In the loose-coupled circuits with tuned primaries, changes in the antenna system do no harm since the tubes draw an appreciable load only when the primary circuit is tuned to the antenna or nearly so. A large change in the antenna constants (wavelength or resistance) will remove the load from the oscillating tubes. The same dangers that have been mentioned as applying to the Meissner circuit usually hold true also for direct-



LOOSE-COUPLED COLPITTS CIRCUIT

FIG. 3

coupled sets, especially if the antenna comes down on the counterpoise. (Anyone who has had to work a tube set during a heavy rain will know how true this is. We had a horrible time with our Hartley circuit at 1XAQ on the evening the "Shenandoah" was adrift.—Tech. Ed.)

#### Coupling

Figure 4 shows three resonance curves drawn from data obtained at 9ZG-9APW with various distances between the nearest edges of the primary and secondary inductances. It will be noticed that at the closer couplings there is quite a region thru which the primary circuit will not operate steadily, shown by the dotted portions of the curves. If the coupling is made loose enough (4 inches in this case) the circuits can be in exact tune without disturbing the oscillator's persistence in the least. With this coupling the tuning is also much sharper. The curves are not quite correct in one way as they show less current for the looser couplings. This

is because no adjustment of the plate turns was made. Had this adjustment been made as it is under normal operation, the maximum value of antenna current for all couplings would be very close to the same.

#### The Helix

In order to determine the best type of inductance for use in the antenna cir-

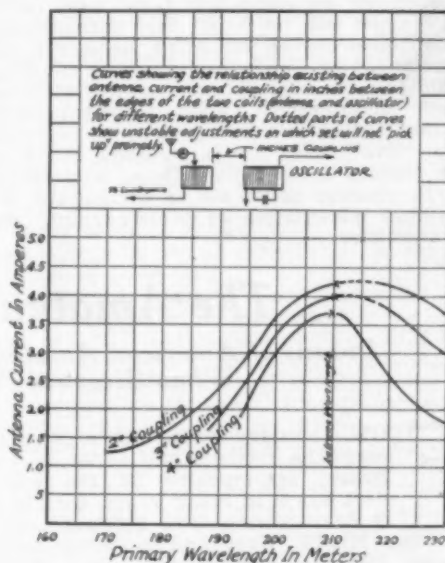


FIG. 4

cuit, 9 turns of No. 26 wire were wound very close together on a four-inch form and with coupling of 2 inches and the tube running on 1200 volts, 3.3 amps was obtainable in the aerial circuit at the optimum operating adjustment. Needless to say the wire got burning hot, so 9 turns of No. 11 D.C.C. wire were wound on the same form after removing the No. 26 wire. To the writer's surprise the antenna current was 3.2 amperes, .1 less than in the case of No. 26 wire. A Radiocorp inductance was next tried, and with 8 turns in for the same wavelength, 3.2 amperes was obtained. To be absolutely certain of results the No. 26 wire was wound on the same form again, and when inserted in the circuit the meter again read 3.3 amperes, showing that for some reason the No. 26 wire was better than the larger wire of smaller resistance. This could be due to one of two things; either the increase of resistance in the antenna circuit meant the possibility of operating closer to the resonance point, or the compactness of the inductance was doing the trick. To determine just which one of those theories was correct a pancake in-

ductance was tried, and with coupling the same as previously and at the same wave length the antenna meter read a trifle over 3.3 amperes, showing that the efficiency of conversion increased with the inductance arranged so that all of the turns in the antenna circuit were as nearly as possible in a field of the same electromagnetic strength. The old spark-coil pancake inductance works admirably in this situation, or  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch copper or brass ribbon on an eight-inch form with turns  $\frac{1}{4}$ " apart will be found very satisfactory. For those having an extra Radiocorp inductance on hand, variation in coupling can be obtained by moving the antenna and counterpoise clips simultaneously either to the left or right, so as to bring the "live" turns in the antenna closer to or further from the oscillator inductance.

In closing, allow me to enumerate the evident advantages of loose-coupling the transmitter:—

1—Sharpens the wave both locally and at a distance.

2—Materially reduces key thumps and swinging.

3—Almost entirely eliminates series condensers, which are needed only when working below the antenna fundamental.

4—Increases the efficiency of the transmitter in many cases.

5—Allows rapid changes of wavelength without any need for locating the nodal point.

6—Removes danger of tubes "going up" when antenna changes or drops, since:

7—Tubes draw normal load only when the primary is in tune with the antenna.

8—Removing aerial and counterpoise leads from the inductance removes chance of getting hurt by plate voltage when touching any part of radiating system.

9—By sharpening wave, reduces absorption by power lines and nearby objects of other kinds.

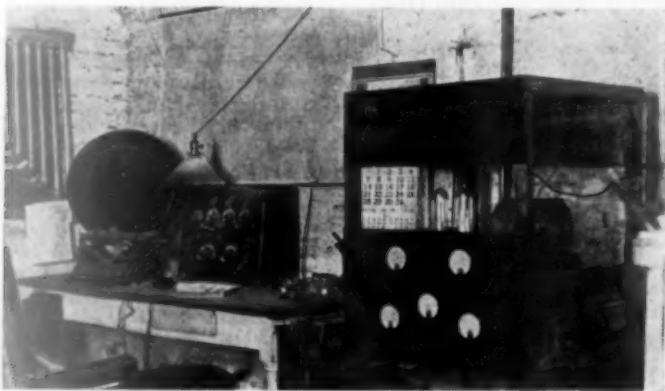
## The Amateur Scores Again

*Dozens of American Amateurs Do Valiant Emergency Work  
When Blizzard Paralyzes Middle West*

FROM February 3d to 5th a blizzard swept the northern half of the United States, accompanied by the worst sleet storm in many years, completely demoralizing wire communication in the Middle West and isolating many large cities as far as the usual modes

towns were without any contact with the outside world.

The amateur got on the job and demonstrated his value to his community. He stepped into the breach and gave valuable service to the railroads, newspapers, business firms, and individuals. An incom-



9AAW—One of the Stations Which Did Excellent Work During the Storm Emergency.

of communication were concerned. Telephone and Western Union and press wires were down, many of the railroad lines were out, trains were snowbound. Chicago, the biggest news distributing point in the world, had but one slender contact with the outside world, a lonely press wire to St. Paul. Hundreds of

plete record shows that hundreds of stations participated in the general emergency work of this storm and gave a glowing example of the ability and keen desire on the part of the ham to help where ever he can. Broadcasting stations attempted to help too, but being limited in number, personnel and equipment for



such a condition, gave most of their assistance to the broadcasting of press for the news associations, leaving the amateurs to handle the point-to-point work.

Chicago naturally was a center of activity. 9AAW, selected by the Chicago Radio Traffic Assn. to handle emergency work, immediately adopted a 24-hour schedule disregarding quiet hours with full permission of the Radio Supervisor. Don Wallace, 9ZT-9XAX, Minneapolis, acted as a radio Paul Revere in his territory, calling amateur minute-men into action, and continuous watch was kept in the Twin Cities. 9BQQ, Minneapolis, did exceptional work, sticking with his set with only three hours sleep in as many nights. 8ZD-8VE, Pittsburgh, handled an emergency message from the manager of telegraphs and signals of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the Pittsburgh region to a similar P.R.R. official in Chicago, inquiring the extent of the storm damage and the prospects for re-establishment of wire service. This message was relayed to 9AAW in Chicago via 8FU in Defiance, Ohio, the answer returning the same route. 9BRS in Des Moines handled a message from a disabled Air Mail plane at Ft. Des Moines to its base at Iowa City, and then turned around and copied 1500 words of press from 9AAW and gave it to 6BDI, thereby giving California its first news on the arrangements for the Wilson funeral. Early in the storm officials in the Twin Cities perceived their inability to repair the damage with supplies in hand and a rush order for emergency equipment was given to 9ZT-9XAX to get thru to Ohio. He tied up immediately with 1XAM in Connecticut, who put the message on the Western Union wire in a part of the country where the wire service was OK. A rush reply to that message came back to Minneapolis via amateur radio—on 200 meters to 9BLY.

It was about this time that the disaster occurred at the Milford Mines near Crosby, Minn. 9BQQ, Minneapolis, put out a 300-word bulletin on the subject for the United Press and got direct acknowledgements for it from Chicago, Atlanta, Boston, Pittsburgh and San Francisco. In about four hours elapsed time the 300-word message to the U. P. office in New York was relayed there by 9BQQ-???-9BMX-9BRK-3QT-2BOY, the latter making the delivery.

9AAW maintained a continuous watch for four days, a number of local amateurs helping to man the station and other local stations co-operating 100%. The first night seventeen stations were cleared with storm traffic. 9ATO, Milwaukee, had Chicago traffic for the railroads, which went via 9AAW. At the request of the roads a check-up was made on the trains stalled in snowdrifts in Wisconsin, 9ZY, LaCrosse,

handling the business in his territory. Red Cross messages relative to relief at Crosby, and railroad traffic for the C.M. & St. P. road were handled with Minneapolis via 9BQQ.

Hundreds of urgent private messages were handled. 9CCM in Dana, Ill., summoned medical aid for his town from Streator, and directed a nurse on a case in Streator for a doctor isolated in Longpoint, Ill. 9DLO handled the Streator end. He lives on a farm three miles from town and delivered those messages by flivver during a blizzard! The wife of a North Dakota man had just had a serious operation in a Chicago hospital; he could not learn the outcome. Amateur radio got it for him—from 9XN in Chicago via 9AIC, Streator. 9DVL in Naperville, Ill., copied train orders for the C. B. & Q. R. R. in his city, and several amateurs in Davenport gave valuable help to their local railroad people, who had no information on the condition of their trains.

Among other stations which did splendid work in addition to those already mentioned are 9CD-9XBA, 9ZA, 9BGT, 9BZI, 9CA, 9ED, 9DOZ, 9DHz, 9DQ, 9ARM, 9YY, 9CSJ, 9BSP. Many of these stations worked under the handicap of ice-grounded antennas. 9ED is due particular commendation: he threw together a simple transmitter using three receiving amplifier tubes for power, building the set for this storm work right in the midst of the emergency. It worked, too, putting fine signals down to 9CA Dwight and connecting that territory with Chicago.

From the above it may be seen that many stations did fine work. There were many failures, however, and we are in no position to pat ourselves on the back as far as the net result is concerned. Not enough stations were on the job, and too many continued selfishly in their own work instead of QRXing or aiding in the relief work. Whenever there is a big storm every amateur ought to realize that communities somewhere are suffering, and that that is his opportunity to serve. When these emergencies come, every amateur ought to get on the job as quickly as possible and help in every way he can, even if it is only to QRX and watch for cases to arise where he may be needed. We handled only one message for the Pennsylvania Railroad in this storm—all the others were lost or stalled. The railroads are good enough to compliment us on our coöperation but we must admit we didn't do anything very much worth while for them—this time. The few stations that did good work are much to be commended—they demonstrated to Uncle Sam that the American amateur can eliminate isolation. Their good work should prove an incentive to the rest of us to step out and do our stuff next time!

—K.B.W.

## Phase Multipliers and Mercury Arc Rectifiers

By C. P. Sweeney, 5KM\*

Here's something really new for transmitting amateurs, especially those who are running tubes with plate voltages over 1000 and are tired of scrubbing electrolytic rectifiers that have misbehaved. In addition to that Mr. Sweeney presents a very useful way of manufacturing 3-phase supply from the ordinary house current. We would have given quite a bit for that stunt in the days of the spark and now it is even more useful.—Tech. Ed.

**N**O means of rectification is so little known to the amateur fraternity as the mercury arc. Therefore it will be well to discuss mercury arcs in general before proceeding to several methods that have proved especially useful in connection with transmitting vacuum tubes.

The simplest type of mercury rectifier consists of a glass bulb as shown in Fig. 1. At the top is a metal or carbon electrode

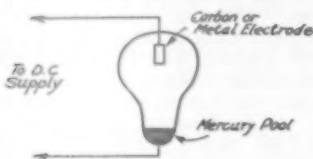


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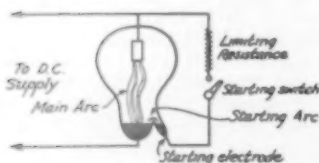


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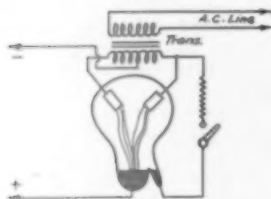


FIG. 3

and at the bottom is a pool of mercury. If this valve is connected across a line whose voltage is 22,000 or less very little (if any) current will flow. If the voltage is raised still higher the resistance of the valve is broken down and an arc is formed which allows fairly large currents to pass. This current will continue to flow even

if the voltage is lowered a great deal; in fact it can be sustained with a drop of about 14 volts across the tube. This drop is divided as follows: 4 volts drop at the metal (or carbon) electrode, 6 volts drop in the space between the two electrodes and another 4 volts or so at the surface of the mercury. This drop of 14 volts across the valve is constant and does not vary with the load on the valve. This at once shows that the mercury arc is best fitted for high voltage work. If we are rectifying at 100 volts we will be losing 14% of our energy in the valve but if working at 1000 volts the drop (which remains 14 volts) represents only 1.4% of the input voltage.

If at any time the current is stopped for a small fraction of a second the arc instantly goes out and the high resistance of the valve is restored.

It is not very convenient to start the arc by means of a temporary connection to a high-voltage supply. However, this method is sometimes used, the high voltage "kick" being provided by the discharge of an overgrown make-and-break spark coil.

Another way in which the arc can be started is by the use of an extra pool of mercury as shown in Figure 2. To start the arc the switch is closed and the valve pool and the small one run together. Current now flows from the line thru the limiting resistance and the starting switch to the starting electrode. As soon as the valve is tilted back the two pools break apart and the "starting-arc" is struck as shown. This arc fills the tube with mercury vapor, allowing the main arc to strike, after which the starting switch is opened and the starting-arc goes out.

### Rectification

So far as we have gone we have discussed the mercury arc as being connected across a D.C. line. Now let us see what it will do if connected across an A.C. line. It is plain that we will not be able to use the valves shown in Figs. 1 and 2 because they will go out each time the voltage goes to zero. This makes half-cycle rectification impossible and a tube somewhat like the one shown in Fig. 3 will have to be used. This tube is different in having

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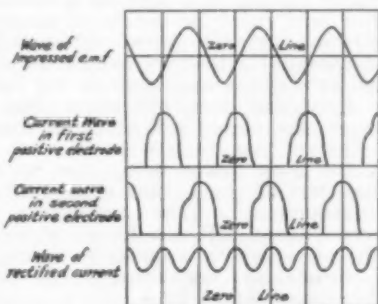
two positive electrodes, one connected to each end of the secondary of a center-tapped transformer. The pool of mercury is the positive D.C. terminal, while the negative D.C. connection is taken from the center-tap of the transformer. This is the ordinary center-tap connection used with electrolytic rectifiers.

Now if this valve is tilted the starting arc strikes as before. The main arc then

times, at least enough to keep the arc going.

#### Feeding Vacuum Tubes.

When supplying vacuum tubes the power taken from the valve may not be enough to keep the arc going but this



TYPICAL WAVE FORM OF SINGLE-PHASE RECTIFIERS

FIG. 4

strikes, going to the particular upper electrode that happens to be negative at that moment. The starting switch is then opened as before.

As the polarity of the transformer secondary reverses the arc shifts back and forth between the upper two electrodes. This happens 120 times per second, consequently the valve looks as if two arcs (or a forked arc) were going all the time. See Fig 3.

Figure 4 shows how the irregular currents of the two upper electrodes combine to make a fairly smooth output current, a considerable part of which is direct current, the rest being mainly 120 cycle A. C. It will be seen from this figure that the current thru each of the upper electrodes lasts more than half of each cycle. This effect is due to the fact that the transformer has a fairly high reactance, which causes it to act as a smoothing choke. This prevents the current from going to zero and prevents the arc from going out at each half-cycle. Increasing this reactance will naturally make the wave form smoother and more effectively prevent the current through the valve from reaching zero at any time.

#### "Keep-alive" Load

If the D. C. line is opened the arc of course will go out and cannot be struck without going thru the business of using the kick-coil or the starting switch again. This is not good, so it is necessary to keep the D. C. line loaded at all

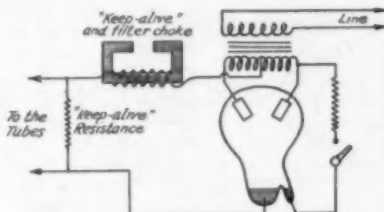


FIG. 5

can be corrected by using the proper size of "keep-alive" load as mentioned above.

The complete circuit for vacuum-tube plate supply then is the one shown in Fig 5.

Such a rectifier may be gotten together for about \$10.00—and some diplomacy. First get on the good side of one of the men with the local light plant, some one in the testing department. From find out when he has on hand a small pole-transformer or manhole-transformer that has nothing wrong with its windings but showed [on test] a core loss too high to allow keeping it on the line at times of light loads. Then go up to the company and buy that transformer. A transformer of 1 k. w. rating is large enough and such discarded transformers are usually sold for \$1.00 per kilowatt; give the company a dollar and cart the transformer home in the Ford. (One

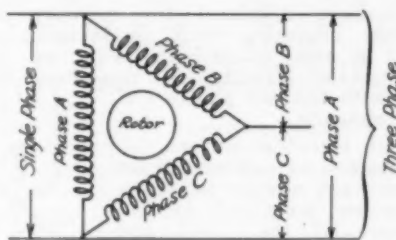


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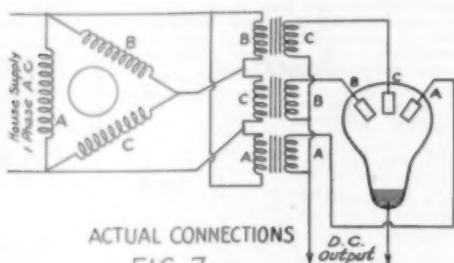
winding of this transformer must, of course, be suited for the voltage of your house supply line.—Tech. Ed.)

The next, and hardest, thing is to get hold of the mercury arc tube. Here you have to use some diplomacy and talk the company into selling one of the small mercury arc tubes they use for supply-

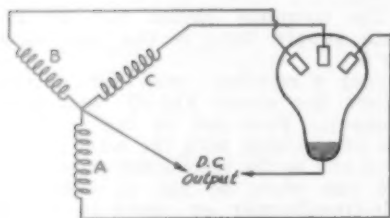
ing street lights with D. C. This tube is usually rated at 5 amperes.

The expense now stops. The reactance can be made of old junk found around the station.

Now take the cover off the transformer and carefully trace the connections. The



ACTUAL CONNECTIONS  
FIG. 7a



SCHEMATIC CONNECTIONS  
IN SECONDARY CIRCUIT  
FIG. 7b

high voltage winding will be in two sections in series so as to get a center-tap.

The rest is easy; just follow the diagrams.

#### Converting to 3-phase Supply.

We have discussed the mercury arc rectifier operating with singlephase, altho it is also possible to look at the "center-tap" circuits as two-phase circuits with the two phases directly opposite.

Much smoother output can be obtained by converting the single-phase supply to three-phase or six-phase (at the pleasure of the user) and then passing this thru either one or two mercury valves.

To convert the single-phase supply to three-phase you will need a three-phase induction motor whose kilowatt rating is about equal to the output desired. The rating of the motor be somewhat smaller than the load to be carried and personally I have used a  $\frac{1}{2}$  h. p. motor with good results. The windings on the stator of the motor will be found connected in

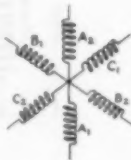


FIG. 8a

delta as shown in Fig. 6. We know that if three-phase current is supplied to the motor thru the leads at the right the motor will run because a rotating magnetic field is found which drags the rotor around with it. If the power is connected to the left-hand leads there will not be any rotating field and the motor will not run. However, if the shaft is given a turn to hand (or started by a phase-splitting device) it will run up to speed as before, showing that a rotating magnetic field must be produced as soon as the rotor begins to turn. This makes it seem reasonable that we should be able to draw three-phase output from the leads at the right and test will show this to be correct; the motor will give out three-phase current up to about 125 of its rating, the high figure being due to the fact that part of the output is secured by direct conduction. (The regulation of the three phases will not be equal, however, the phase which is directly connected to the transformer regulating better than the other two.—Tech. Ed.)

#### Three-phase Rectifiers.

Now if we take this three phase power from the induction motor and lead it to the primaries of three phase transformer, or three single-phase transformers (secured from the power company) the secondaries will supply high-voltage three-phase current suited for rectification into excellent plate supply. The secondaries are connected in Y as shown in Figure 7, so as to get a center-tap for the return to the mercury arc. (See 76.)

The equipment needed for this circuit, above that required for single-phase work, is represented by the two additional transformers and the three-phase rectifier tube, which can usually be secured second-hand at a price of \$6 or \$8.

However, the transformers may be smaller, since each handles only  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the load, and the tube will probably not cost any more than a single-phase one, besides

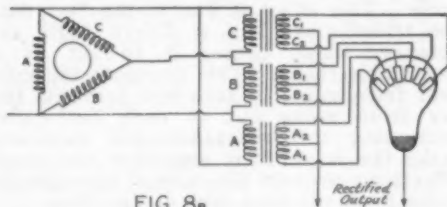


FIG. 8b

being easier to get. Incidentally, you need far less filter with a three-phase system and it isn't so inclined to go out.

#### Six-phase Rectifiers.

By far the best plate supply of all can be gotten by using a six-phase rectifier.



If we take the three transformers just described and bring out center-taps we can connect the secondaries as shown in Fig. 8. This connection is called "three-phase dametircal" and is very evidently equal to a six-phases supply. It would be desirable to have a rectifier tube with 6 positive electrodes for rectifying such a supply as shown in Fig. 8. but a pair of three-phase valves may be used.

The ripple from such rectifier will not be over 15% and this can be smoothed out easily.

A very fine plate supply may be obtained by modifying this last system a trifle. If we separate the two valves of the secondaries of the transformers used in the three-phase and six-phase rectifiers we will have 6 secondaries. These can then be connected as shown in Fig 9 to form two separate three-phase Y systems. Each of these can of course be rectified separately, giving the same sort of output as would have been obtained with the circuit of Fig. 7. However, the ripples of the two systems may be made to cancel each other by the scheme of connections shown in Fig. 9. The choke must be quite large and the windings at either side of the center-tap should be exactly alike and closely coupled. A rectifier of this kind can be used for telephony with-



FIG 9a

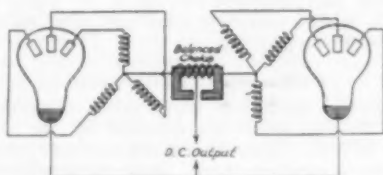


FIG 9b

out other filter. Such a system is used with kenotrons at WGY and was described recently in the Proceedings I.R.E. —(Tech. Ed.)

## Third District Convention

April 24, 25 and 26!

Paste those dates in your Easter bonnets and make up your minds to attend the 5th Annual Convention of the Third Radio District, the which is to be held at

the Hotel Adelphia, Philadelphia. The entire roof of the hotel has been reserved by Dave Provan, genial proprietor of the hostlery. Dave never does things by halves, quarters or three-quarters; therefore he has given consent for the installation of a complete amateur sending and receiving station to which has been issued the call "3DRC" (Third District Radio Convention).

And that isn't all—there will be a real radio show of commercial and amateur apparatus plus pictures of Third District stations. W. Bradley Martin is building a special wavemeter for a set-calibration test and "Daddy" Cadmus will be on hand with the official wavemeter and will hold license examinations.

There will be speakers from various fields of radio engineering, but their names will not be stated now as the managers intend to promise only what they can make good on, which is a Dutch way of saying that the men whose names appear on the program will speak unless death or accident prevents them.

Special sessions will be held for the general public and at these the activities of the radio amateur will be explained.

There will be a visit to Central High School, known to Philadelphians as "The Birthplace of Radio", and the tour will include many other places around Philadelphia. (Take it from us, gang, that Philadelphia puts on some nice tours.)

The banquet on Friday will of necessity be limited to real qualified amateurs. Send reservations to the manager of the convention, Thomas Appleby, 708 Harrison Bldg., Philadelphia. The main banquet speeches will be broadcast by WOO, John Wanamaker's station.

The last feature of the convention will be the first R.O.W.H. initiation to be held in the Third District. The novices will be led into the Order of the Wouff Hong by Charles H. Stewart, Atlantic Division Manager, and Thomas Appleby, who entered the realm at Chicago and Atlanta respectively.

There will be a receiving contest—and prizes, of course.

Thomas Appleby is in complete charge of the convention as the District President, Mr. Horace A. Beale, jr., is convalescing in Florida from a long illness. The other officers are Paul C. Peterson, vice president, John D. Reister, secretary-treasurer, The committeemen are Chas. Van Housen, Publicity; C. H. Stewart, Banquet Broadcasting; Joseph M. Nassau, Amateur Exhibits; F. Richardson, Technical Director; James F. Rau, Music; W. Bradley Martin, Contests and Prizes; Prof. Lloyd M. Knoll, Station 3DRC. The convention directors are Messrs. Peterson, Nassau, Richardson, Knoll, Van Housen, Appleby, and Fred Mergenthaler.

# Amateur Wavemeters

## Part Two

By S. Kruse, Technical Editor

HAVING made a wavemeter as described in the February issue we are ready to calibrate it and start using it.<sup>1</sup>

### Calibration

By "calibration" is meant the job of finding out what wavelengths are shown by different readings of the condenser

for an amateur to do well. It is better to use a wavemeter chart as in Fig. 1b or 1c.

### Standards

Before any wavelengths can be put down on a chart or a dial one has to know them and that calls for some sort of a standard. The best standard right now is most certainly the "Standard Frequency" transmissions from WWV, Bureau of Standards at Washington. The schedules have been printed regularly in QST and many amateur wavemeters have been calibrated accurately. The ways of doing this were explained in QST at the following places: July, 1923,\* page 28, "How to Use the Signals," and September, 1923,\* page 20, "How to Use the Signals." The titles are the same but the two items are different.

The service of WWV may possibly be extended to other stations as we are informed by the daily papers that some arrangements along this line have been made with the Cutting & Washington station WLAG at Minneapolis.

Not everyone can hear WWV well enough to use that stations' signals. It is NOT a good idea to use other stations except those listed in the monthly Radio Service Bulletin.<sup>2</sup> Ordinary radio stations are not particularly careful about being on their correct waves.

Some amateur stations can give you correct wavelength—but take this sort of evidence mighty cautiously—we know of only two in the whole country that are able to do a really first-rate job.

### Commercial Calibration

Strictly speaking we ought to compare with a standard wavemeter if we can't hear WWV. Now there are not very many standard wavemeters and generally the people that have them are too busy to take on jobs of calibrating. The Bureau of Standards does such work<sup>3</sup> but they are usually very far behind and considerable delay must be looked for. The work done is, of course, excellent. Lately also the Washington Radio Laboratories (you will find their ad. in QST) have begun doing wavemeter work.

If you send a meter to either of the above laboratories be sure that it is packed in a very large box with at least 4 inches

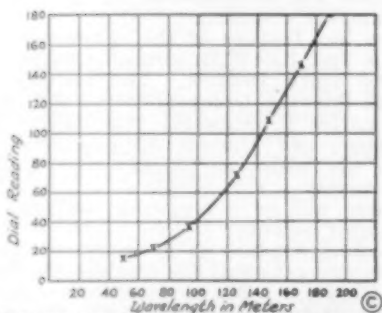
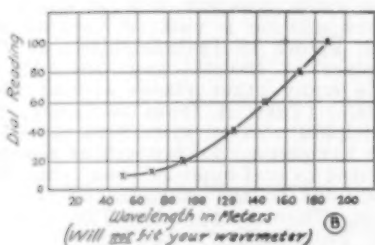
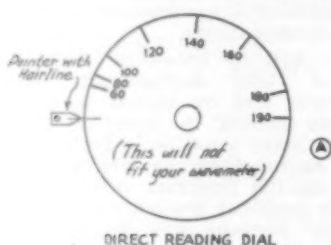


FIG. 1 SAMPLES OF WAVEMETER DIAL AND CURVES  
(Will not fit your wavemeter)

scale. These wavelengths may be marked directly on the scale of the condenser as in Fig. 1a, which makes a "direct-reading wavemeter." This is usually hard

<sup>1</sup>—More information on short-wave wavemeters can be gotten from the Bureau of Standards Letter Circular, LC 78. This can be gotten from the Radio Section, Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.

<sup>2</sup>Can be obtained from the QST Circulation Dept. at the regular price.

<sup>3</sup>—No good amateur ought to be without this monthly sheet. It can be gotten from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., at 25¢ per year. A surprising amount of information is given.

<sup>4</sup>—Rates may be obtained by writing them for the rate sheet on radio measurements.

of excelsior all around it. Also make sure that the dial or pointer is absolutely solid on the shaft and finally tie or otherwise fasten the condenser so it cannot "flop" around and damage itself.

#### Standard Wavemeters

If you cannot use WWV's signals and cannot ship your meter to a laboratory, then get hold of the best wavemeter you can locate and use it for a standard. There are not many good wavemeters in amateur stations and you will have to do some looking. If you can get hold of a General Radio Precision, Kolster, or any one of several good Navy wavemeters, you are in luck. They will be better than you really have need for. If you can't get hold of such a meter it is a good idea to look at the nameplate; if it came from a good firm the meter is probably O.K. for amateur work.

#### Calibrating Against a Wavemeter

The best method of calibrating a new wavemeter is by use of a standard wavemeter and a small oscillator. This method was pretty well explained in the article "A Short-wave Oscillator" in QST for May, 1923,\* page 47. It may seem like a good bit of work to build an oscillator just for the sake of getting a wavemeter calibrated, but the oscillator is good for many other things, as explained by Mr. White.

Other methods of calibrating are so much poorer that they will not be described at all; everyone can rig up an oscillator these days. If you haven't a Western Electric "E" tube as described by Mr. White, use a Radiotron 5-watt tube or even a UV-201A or C-301A.

#### The Indicator

Sometimes it is a good idea to equip a wavemeter with a crystal detector—but we can't remember when. Leave the crystal off; it always get out of order and isn't of much use on C.W. If you *must* use a crystal be sure to connect it as described last month—not in the usual amateur fashion.

The little lamp is about the best for all-around work. Sometimes good service can be gotten from a little vacuum tube connected *across* the wavemeter condenser. A very good tube for the work can be gotten from a Westinghouse "Spark C" pencil or from an "Aircro Ignition Gauge." These are the same affairs Mr. Reinartz referred to in his article on antennas last month.

#### Making the Wavelength Chart

It isn't necessary to describe the way of marking wavelengths on a dial; that's easy enough. Usually such dials do not read at all closely and a chart is much better. In laying out a chart it is a great advantage to use "cross-section paper." If you cannot get this, rule up a sheet of paper

about 8" x 10" and do a very careful job of it. The size of the squares depends on the wavelength range but  $\frac{1}{4}$ " ones are handy.

Put down each wavelength reading as you get it and work along the curve. Perhaps something like the curve of Fig. 2 will happen. This shows that the points x1 and x2 are off and ought to be re-run. *These mistakes would not show on a dial or other scale.*

#### Using the Wavemeter on the Sending Set

In measuring the wavelength of a sending set it is very important to use loose coupling between the wavemeter and the sending set. If you do not, you are likely to burn out the lamp (or thermo-galvanometer) in the wavemeter and in addition are very likely to get wrong wavelength readings. Start out with the wavemeter a yard or so from the helix and work forward gradually until you get an indication when turning the condenser *very slowly*. When the coupling is loose you will get a dull red glow from the lamp at the very best setting—if the lamp lights brightly you are much too near the set.

A low power set will sometimes fail to light the wavemeter lamp. Another stunt may then be used; bring the wavemeter rather close to the top of the helix and hold down the key while slowly turning the wavemeter condenser. When you run into the working wave the plate current of the set will go *up* and the antenna current will go *down*. Sometimes the resonance point can be spotted by the changing hum of the plate transformer. This stunt can also be used with large sets by putting them on low power, not over one ampere in the antenna at 200 meters and not over .2 at 100 meters.

The last scheme is handy but not accurate if there is no plate-current meter. A good emergency scheme that is surprisingly accurate is to start the buzzer on the wavemeter and then watch the contacts while the wavemeter is held over the helix. Turn the wavemeter condenser until you strike the resonance point, which will be shown by a sputtering spark at the buzzer contacts. Then take the wavemeter away from the helix, working the condenser back and forth as you go, until you find the distance at which it is *just possible* to get fire at the contacts *over a hairline distance on the dial*. The cutoff is extremely sharp and the indications surprisingly good. With one of our wavemeters at 1XAQ we can always get readings within  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a division on a 100-division dial.

#### Using the Wavemeter With Receiving Sets

In last month's QST we accidentally omitted the number of turns in the secondary coil of the 1BGF tuner in the article "Low-loss Tuners." That should not

have worried anyone that had a wavemeter, yet dozens of men who have wavemeters, and are supposed to understand them, have asked for the number of turns. That's all wrong; a real amateur digs those things out for himself—builds a coil that's too big and then pulls down turns until the wavemeter says it is right.

The way of using a wavemeter with a receiving set is very simple—make the re-

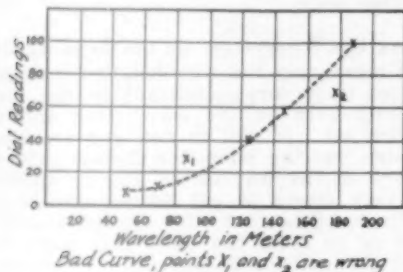


Fig. 2

ceiving set oscillate, put the wavemeter coil close to the secondary, and turn the wavemeter condenser until there is a click in the phones, showing that the wavemeter has run into the secondary tune and stopped the oscillations. Note the wavemeter reading and then turn the wavemeter condenser until there is another click and the tuner starts oscillating again. Unless the tuner oscillates on both sides of the resonant point readings are no good. Now move the wavemeter away from the tuner until the two clicks are very close together, perhaps 3 divisions on the wavemeter dial. The correct reading is halfway between. By working carefully the clicks can be made to run together so that a single click is gotten right at the resonance point.

Working in this way it is a matter of ten minutes work to tell exactly what range of wavelengths an oscillating tuner will cover. This is known as the "click method." I believe it was originated by Elbert Judson, 3AFU, at the U.S.N. Radio Lab., Bureau of Standards.

#### Tuner Calibration

It is not a good idea to calibrate a receiving tuner. In any tuner that has an adjustable primary (taps or series condenser) these adjustments must be set at exactly the same place for each set of wavelength readings. It is absolutely useless to calibrate a set unless you do this—the readings will not mean a thing. The primary-to-secondary coupling also must be fixed and always set back to the same place for wavelength readings. Finally the tickler (or variometer or feedback condenser) must also be set back to the

same place at which the tuner was calibrated.

All of this is pretty much of a nuisance and as a rule it is "the bunk" to calibrate a tuner—keep a wavemeter handy instead.

About the only exception to this is the Reinartz tuner which does not have any moving coils. If the primary switch is always set on the same point, tolerably good calibrations can be made and held. It is an advantage, tho, to set the plate condenser on the same place and leave it there but if slight changes are necessary they will not do a great deal of harm. Don't work this idea very hard, tho—a 10 division change in the plate-condenser setting is about the limit; after that the calibration begins to "go democratic."

#### Wavelength of Received Signals

The measurement of received C.W. signals is very simple. When the signal has been tuned in (tuner oscillating, of course) bring the wavemeter up and use the "click method" as above. If the signal happens to be coming in while you are measuring, a reading can be gotten by noticing the "tweet" when the wavemeter is run thru the tune.

In all this work use loose coupling—the very least that will give results.

#### Wavemeter Traps

A handy way of using a wavemeter on a receiving set is that built into the General Radio 247W meter. A tapped primary coil is wound right over the wavemeter coil and connected to a switch and binding posts so that 0, 1, 3, 5 or 8 turns can be cut into the antenna circuit. When the tune of a received signal is wanted the switch is set on the point giving 1 primary turn and the wavemeter condenser turned till the "tweet" is heard as the wavemeter "wipes across" the receiving wave. More than one turn changes the tune of the wavemeter rather noticeably, and more than three ought really not to be used.

If a wavemeter is to be used as a trap it is strictly necessary to wind on the tapped primary coupling coil before the wavemeter is calibrated. Such a combination makes an extremely useful instrument that is accurate enough for most amateur work and can be used as a receiving wavemeter, as a trap for undesired signals, as a neodyne transformer, and as a "tuned impedance" for that type of r.f. amplifier. However, it is likely that the coil resistance is raised somewhat and it may be better to leave the trap equipment off if there is other apparatus for that purpose and a precise wavemeter is wanted.

<sup>1</sup>—See "Radio Filters", by Melville Eastham, QST, June, 1923, page 11; "Wave Traps", by Boyd Phelps, page 15, QST for August, 1922; and "Wavemeter and Wavetrap", by A. F. Evens, page 32, QST for July, 1923, available from the Circulation Dept.



## Are We Losing Contact With WNP?

Help! What is the matter with you fellows and your super-hets? What have you done toward establishing contact with WNP? The report for the month of February is the worst since Jack Barnsley hooked up with Mix last September. Only three slim reports were received for the entire month. Awful! Mix must have thousands of words of press and many messages on his hook and it is up to us to get busy and clear them for him. For the benefit of those who do not know it, WNP uses 500-cycle plate supply and works on about 180 or 220 meters.

There may be some reasons for lack of communication during the month of February. It is possible that the daylight period has had some effect on communication. Mix may have been off on a hunting trip and again it may be that his equipment has been out of order, but we doubt the latter. Until we again establish contact, no one can say just why there has been this falling off of that good contact we enjoyed during the preceding months when quite a number of stations were in nightly communication with WNP. Get busy, gang, and let us investigate this at once. Listen for WNP every night you can and send your reports to A.R.R.L. promptly.

About Christmas time, British 5NN heard WNP. On January 16th, Canadian 9BP sent 6 messages to WNP and 4 more on January 24, but was able to receive only 2 from Mix. On January 22, 8JY heard WNP as did 9AHT on January 26th. Canadian 4FV reports WNP on February 1, and 6CJQ heard WNP on February 16th. On February 19th, 9DKB sent 3 messages but was unable to receive any from WNP.

That is the extent of the contact with WNP for February and we want to see a concerted effort by those fellows who have been successful, to devote as much time as possible on WNP.

—F. H. S.

## The Story of the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong

By F. D. Fallain, 8ZH-8AND, Supreme Secretary

Starting originally as a bit of "horse-play" at a state convention, the Royal Order of the Wouff Hong has become a fine and permanent part of A.R.R.L. life. No amateur can attend a conclave of the R.O.W.H. and not be made a better amateur and a more loyal member of our A.R.R.L. In the following article Supreme Secretary Fallain tells of the origin and early history of the order, and how a group of typical American amateurs at Flint, Michigan, made their mark in the annals of Amateur Radio.—Editor.

**B**ACK in January 1922 the Flint gang was rounding into shape for the 2nd Michigan Annual A.R.R.L. Convention and, as in the case of all good conventions there was a heap of work and swearing to be done. And the convention was just four days off.

On one particular night the usual arguments were being hashed over; posters were not all out and, hang it all, the advance

registrations were not coming in as planned. In general the night was cloudy and the silvery lining had not appeared. However, it looked as if there would be a convention if the committee members did not kill each other.

As usual the gang was gathered in the offices housing 8AND-8ZH, soaking in the heat and gassing freely. Some bright individual came into the argument and sug-

gested that we add some special feature to the convention. Now, in accordance with the program there were no idle moments in the whole convention period until on the last night when we could see a breathing spell for the delegates along about midnight. "Blarst it, we have enough to do now," someone shouted. Cowing allowed we could do a bit more if we cut the chatter and would someone suggest a little fun for the delegates? Everybody had a good suggestion and they ranged all the way from a balloon ascension to burning some "ham" at the stake. "Stake" suggested eats, so all hands went out and had a snack.

When we came back from the lunch counter Fallain said that an initiation could be put on and the gang thought that very nice. Lathrop asked whatinell we would initiate 'em into, and why. It appeared that in the days gone by Fallain had helped form an order known as "The Ancient Order of Mop Handles" and in his desk reposed nearly all of the ritual. While the search was on for the famous ritual the committee quartette consisting of Messrs. Bell, King, Phelps and Proper started a game of "Put and Take" but Cowing obtained quiet by the simple threat of cracking somebody's skull.

Finally the old ritual was dug up but it was a crazy sort of affair and looked too foolish. Then again some shouted "We haven't time to learn all this." One of the gang had just lighted his pipe and being sort of sub-conscious made an elaborate plea that we try. About 2 A.M. we agreed that we could make the thing go, so Brother Lathrop volunteered to take the old ritual and have it typed so all could have a copy. He took it "someplace" and had the stenog run it off, and the next night it was ready and all hands looked the thing over and began to study it—out loud.

Any of you fellows who have helped put on a convention know that the night before the convention is some busy night. No one had had time to study his part and all agreed that the thing to do was to read our parts at the initiation and try not to get caught at it; perhaps we could get away with it.

Whang!

Down came a fist on the table—some one had awakened. "Holy Mackerel," said he, "We have to have a name for this thing, you know. Surely 'Mop Handles' was not for a radio organization."

Everyone present tried to make it appear that he was thinking; everyone placed his right hand on his forehead and stared at the floor; likewise no one said a word. "Boiled Owls" was suggested and immediately killed; we wanted something new. We would like to remember the name of the gent who said if we did not quiet down he would get the Wouff-Hong to us. Down came seven fists on a single head

and seven voices screamed "Wouff Hong!" "That's it!" was the cry, and after a few rounds in which a delighted committeeman playfully cut the recorder's throat, "Royal Order" was tacked on to "Wouff Hong" and The Royal Order of the Wouff Hong came into being.

Well, the convention was on and going F.B., when during the latter part of the last day a tall worried individual came shuffling along and asked if anyone remembered that we had to put on the R.O.W.H. that night. Those who heard looked thru glassy eyes and recognized Cowing. "I know one thing," said Bell, the treasurer, "we are running short of money and may go in the hole on this convention," and in the same breath suggested that we charge one plunk dollar U.S. money. "Right," said the tall one. "Right," said the gang. Brother Struble was seen rushing thru the front door bound for a blacksmith shop or somewhere to get some receipt books. When the receipt books came all hands grabbed one and before night came the delegates were waving receipts and the committee was waving dollar bills.

The banquet was over. It was near the end of a perfect day; the ball-room was cleared and the settings placed in position for the initiation. Finally the doors were opened and with fluttering hearts the delegates entered to do their stuff. (Fifty-two delegates confidentially told us their hearts were not quite up to snuff and would we kindly lay off them.)

The initiation was well under way—almost. But the Bible could not be found, and so the candidate to take the general oath, Fritz Lathrop of Detroit, took it on a Sears-Roebuck catalogue and never knew the difference. The candidates were then chosen for the ordeal and all went well again, till the candidate appeared before the Power Amplifier. It was then discovered that each of the characters had the wrong part; they were all mixed up and the characters couldn't read their lines, so the candidate was chased from pillar to post till some one stopped him and gave him an oath of some kind. From that moment on it was nip and tuck. We did not know what to say next but as fast as one character said something he got an answer, somehow, and all went well. It looked O.K. from the audience and from their smiles came inspiration, and we went thru with it, and were glad when the gang said it was F.B.

After the initiation Schnell and Matty agreed that it was O.K. but if worked on and made more solemn and dignified it would make a fine national order for the A.R.R.L. Furthermore, it should be put on at the Second National A.R.R.L. Convention at Chicago in 1923.

Many months had passed and the

R.O.W.H. was not in shape for the Second National A.R.R.L. Convention and said convention was but ten days away. A meeting was called and the gang gathered at the offices of SZH again for conference. Much dignified information was forthcoming and finally Cowing made a rough outline and wrote it up with Lathrop butting in and Fallain pounding the station mill. Outline was right, it could just be seen thru the smoke. Another meeting was called next night and the plot thickened with suggestions and advice from the gang—we were out in full force again. Brother Lathrop took the outline and a bunch of hours off with a cord of pencils, and wrote a ritual and presented the results at the next night's meeting. Again suggestions and the station mill, together with well-timed cussing, produced a typewritten copy. Fallain started the part of I.K.I.A. and had to finish it. The rest of the gang had their pet suggestions incorporated into the ritual and finally it was accepted as a finished job. Copies were made and we were ready for rehearsals. The whole cast had but three rehearsals; then Fallain went to Chicago as advance agent and the rest of the bunch had two or three more and came on to Chicago Friday night.

The stage was set but no time for a dress rehearsal. Lathrop checked the wardrobe trunks at Flint but they did not get on the train the gang came on, and it looked as tho \$1200.00 worth of robes were coming too late. It was but two hours before the initiation, and no trunks in sight yet. Lathrop called upon all the gods. Then Brother Wright, the mystery man at Chicago, gathered in a truck and driver, the traffic laws were broken and the necks of the two men bent in going 'way down town and back, but they made it in no time and came back with the trunks which had just arrived at Chicago. The sigh of relief sounded like a Kansas cyclone. In due time the initiation was put on and the delegates liked it immensely and voted it a big success. The first National Conclave was a thing of the past! Make-up and wigs were removed and the gang sat down and waited for Nora.

At the close of the Night of Mystery at Chicago we were informed that A.R.R.L. would like the initiation within the circle of the A.R.R.L. and we were requested to draft By-Laws and Rules and Regulations. Upon our return to Flint we had as many as three meetings per week at the homes of the various fellows. Twice our proposals were sent to Hartford for suggestions. In October we received a letter from K. B. Warner, Secretary of the A.R.R.L., stating that at a Board meeting of the A.R.R.L. held during the week of

Oct. 7th he had presented the matter of official recognition of the R.O.W.H. and he was directed to say that official A.R.R.L. endorsement was extended to the R.O.W.H. and that the Board accepted the offer of the Supreme Council (at Flint) to make the order a part of the A.R.R.L. affairs in connection with the A.R.R.L. conventions.

During meetings held to draft rules and regulations officers of the Supreme Council of the R.O.W.H. were elected. The members of the Supreme Council are Guy R. Cowing, Gordon Bell, Harry Phelps, Thos. Lathrop, Burton Wallrath, Frank Fallain, Silver King, and Chas. Tiedeman.

The officers as elected are as follows:

Guy R. Cowing—Supreme Master of Ceremonies.

Frank D. Fallain—Supreme Secretary.

Gordon Bell—Supreme Treasurer.

The present Supreme Council comprises the original cast of the first conclave of the R.O.W.H. Columbus, Ohio, was the second city to put on the R.O.W.H. The first conclave with the new ritual was at the Second National Convention at Chicago. The second city to get the new ritual was Atlanta, Ga., in December, 1923. It will be put on by the original cast at the 3rd Michigan A.R.R.L. affair in Detroit about March 1, 1924. Now from far off Seattle, Wash., comes the request for the "dope."

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In conclusion the Supreme Council wishes you all to know they will do all possible to help any convention get this initiation across. We shall be glad to answer any and all inquiries concerning the initiation—provided, of course, that we are not asked to divulge any of the secrets. You are asked to send a self-addressed and stamped envelope.

Conclaves are held only at a state, Division, district or national A.R.R.L. Convention, and are under the control of the Supreme Council. Applications for a conclave should be addressed by the Convention Chairman to the Supreme Secretary, F. D. Fallain, 321 First Ave., Flint, Mich., and must be filed at least two months prior to the convention. The application should designate the person who will act as Master of Ceremonies and who will be responsible both to the convention chairman and to the Supreme Council for all matters pertaining to the R.O.W.H. at the convention. The convention chairman should also notify A.R.R.L. Headquarters at Hartford, Conn., that application has been filed, as a conclave will be authorized by the Supreme Council only upon the sanction of A.R.R.L. Headquarters.

The Supreme Council has prepared detailed rules and regulations, copies of the ritual, and certain paraphernalia, which will then become available to the conven-

tion management. After A.R.R.L. sanction has been given all matters are handled direct between the Supreme Council and the Master of Ceremonies at the convention.

The R.O.W.H. is A.R.R.L. property. That means it is your property. If you want it all you have to do is ask for it in accordance with the Rules and Regulations.

## Radio Transmitting Circuits

### Finding Out What You Are Using

By A. W. Parkes, 3YO\*

**N**EARLY every month we see a "new" circuit advanced by someone as his own invention. The purpose of this paper is not to discourage experimenting, but to so classify circuits that we can speak of the "new" circuit in terms of the very few basic circuits and understand what modification has been made.

If we can classify sending circuits it will help to standardize the names of the circuits. Practically all of the tube circuits used by amateurs today are of the varieties Hartley (Fig. 1), Meissner (Fig. 3) or Colpitts (Fig. 4). Several hundred cards from amateur stations all over the country were examined and from 155 that gave the circuit used we obtained the following figures: Hartley 71, Hartley with tuned grid circuit 70, Colpitts 11, odd circuits 3. But these were given names that mean nothing—"sure-fire", "reversed feedback", etc. Why speak of "reversed feedback" when the feedback is *always* from the plate to the grid? How does "Hartley with a tuned grid" sound? It would help simplify both the reading and the writing of radio articles if we would adopt the system of a descriptive name based on the fundamental circuits—Hartley, Meissner and Colpitts. A fourth classification may be added—the master-oscillator-power-amplifier. (But after all this will always turn out to be

nction is made to the filament and in practice this connection would go to the center-tap of a filament transformer, with a condenser across each half. The two loose arrow-headed wires in each diagram are supposed to go to the plate-power source. The tuned circuits are shown in heavy lines.

#### A System

Since all oscillating circuits must contain a combination of L and C tuned to the

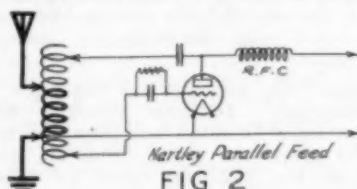


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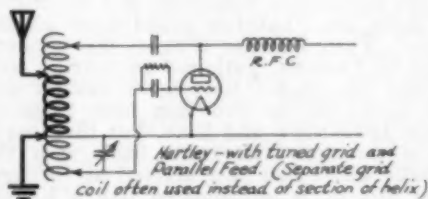


FIG. 3

desired frequency we can boil our entire analysis down to two factors—

1—Method of grid excitation (inductive or capacitive).

2—Method of power feed (shunt or series). Note that we have not included the method of coupling to the antenna as a factor because any of these circuits may be coupled inductively or conductively without changing their nature.

#### The Meissner Circuit

In the Meissner circuit of Fig. 1, note that the grid excitation is obtained by induction from the oscillatory current in the antenna circuit. This grid feed may be varied at will by changing the value of the coupling between the grid and antenna coils. This circuit is not at all popular

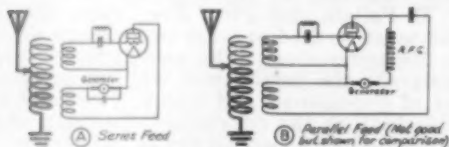


FIG 1 MEISSNER

merely a Meissner, Hartley or Colpitts circuit to which an amplifier has been added.—Tech. Ed.)

#### Leaving Out the Unimportant Things

In all the diagrams shown here, the meters, switches, and most of the filament circuits have been left out. One con-

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with amateurs because it is very easy to set up "spurious" or "parasitic" oscillations when working at low wave lengths, due to the combined effect of inductive and capacitive coupling which cause out-of-phase effects. However, the circuit is extremely flexible because it requires very little change of coupling over a wide range of wavelengths, hence it is popular in the laboratory as a source of high frequency current. It is convenient as an external heterodyne, for hunting down harmonics, or as a source of power when measuring antenna resistance, using the method described by Mr. Albert F. Murray in the May 1923 issue of QST.\*

#### The Hartley Circuit

In the Hartley circuit of Fig. 2 we couple the plate to the grid by means of the voltage drop across the reactance of the helix turns. The Hartley circuit may generate short-wave "parasitics" but they are easily stopped by placing a very small choke coil in the grid circuit, right at the grid binding post. At 3YO this happened, and the "parasitic" wave was found clear at the lower end of the wavemeter scale, where it was located on 50 meters! As soon as the grid choke was inserted, the wavelength returned to normal and no further difficulty was experienced. The grid choke was made by winding 20 turns of ordinary bell wire on a pencil. Morecroft (Principles of Radio Communication, page 502) explains that this also occurs when the natural frequency of the grid circuit is near that of the main oscillatory circuit. The tube may then oscillate at the frequency of the grid circuit instead of the proper frequency. (And it may at times jump from one to the other.—Tech. Ed.)

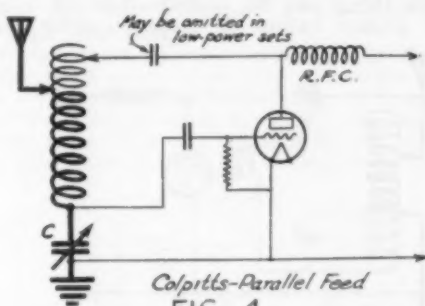
#### The Colpitts Circuit

In the Colpitts circuit of Fig. 4 the voltage drop across the condenser C is used for the grid excitation. For this reason we call this a "capacity coupled" grid circuit. The Technical Editor has pointed out that as we tune the antenna with the condenser C we also change the value of the grid coupling, since the voltage across the condenser changes with its setting. This disadvantage can be readily appreciated. Another great disadvantage of the circuit is that (especially with large tubes) it is difficult to obtain a variable condenser that will stand the plate voltage and at the same time have low losses. Of course it is possible to leave the condenser alone and change the wavelength by varying the antenna clip on the helix but this too changes the grid excitation because the voltage across the condenser changes, not only with the antenna current, but also with the frequency (wavelength).

\*Can be obtained from the QST Circulation Dept. at the regular price.

#### Methods of Feeding the Plate Power Series Feed

In the Meissner circuit of Fig. 1a we have an example of series power feed. This means that the D.C. and the radio frequency A.C. components of the plate current flow thru the same paths in the plate circuit (first going thru the plate coil together and then going to the source



of plate power, where the A.C. may be passed around the generator or transformer by a condenser, and finally back to the filament together). In consulting Professor J. H. Morecroft on this subject he says: "I can say that practically all of the ordinary circuits are capable of being adjusted to give equally efficient operation of a tube, but those in which alternating or pulsating currents flow in the fewest circuits are best."

#### Parallel Feed (Shunt Feed)

In Figs. 1b, 2, 3, 4 and 5 parallel feed may be observed. Note that always with parallel feed there must be a high frequency choke coil (R.F.C. in the figures) to keep the radio frequency away from the plate-power supply, and a blocking (stopping) condenser, to keep the plate power out of the plate coil.

#### Telling Shunt from Series Feed

The use of parallel (shunt) power feed, as compared with series feed, may always be determined in any circuit by observing whether the power lead to the plate also carries the oscillating current. If it does we say we have series feed; if it carries the plate power only and the oscillatory current is led off another way we say we have parallel (shunt) feed.

A bypass condenser around the source of plate power is *always* needed for series feed, otherwise the oscillatory current will not go thru or else would damage the power source. With parallel feed it sometimes happens that some of the radio frequency gets by the choke. In this case also the power-source (generator or transformer) must be protected by a by-pass condenser.

### "Unscrambling" Amateur Circuits

In comparing the Hartley circuit of Fig. 2 and the so-called "sure fire" circuit of Fig. 3 we find that the only difference between them is that the "sure fire" has a tuned grid circuit—in other words it is a "Hartley with a tuned grid". When working with a high resistance antenna the transmitter often refuses to oscillate until the grid circuit is tuned. However, this same thing can be accomplished by using the proper values of plate stopping con-

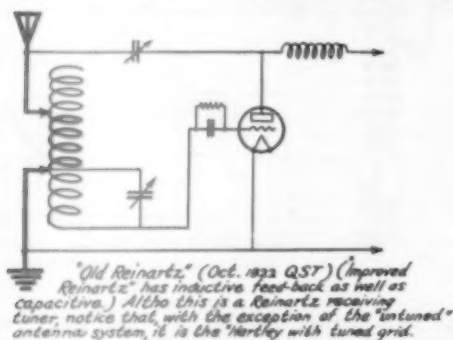


FIG. 5

denser and radio frequency choke as shown by Mr. Prince of the General Electric Co. in the June, 1923 issue of the Proceedings, I.R.E. The exact values for any set cannot be given as they depend on the antenna capacity, also the grid and plate inductances and resistances. A variometer used as an R.F. choke would give the variation necessary. For anyone interested in a presentation of the voltage vectors as used in determining the size coil and stopping condenser to be used, Mr. Prince's article will be extremely valuable. The entire object is to get the grid voltage 180 degrees out of phase with the plate voltage, i.e., to make the grid voltage maximum in one direction at the moment when the plate voltage is maximum in the other direction.

If this adjustment of the R.F. choke is made the tuning condenser of the "Hartley with tuned grid" may be done away with. After this change, the only difference between this and the common Hartley is the extra grid coil being used. By using part of the helix instead we accomplish the same thing, and have the basic Hartley. Fundamentally both are the same—both have parallel power feed, but the Hartley uses two parts less. (The Hartley circuit is being used by many amateurs with series feed but it is not suited to this use.—Tech. Ed.)

The "sure fire", "1DH", "reversed feedback" sending circuits and Reinartz receiving circuits are all essentially the same. In the Reinartz circuit a detuned aerial system is used for receiving, while in all the others

the antenna is tuned to the working wave and used for transmitting. Fig. 5 is the "Old Reinartz" tuner as it appeared in October, 1922, QST. This has purposely not been drawn the conventional way but so as to show that the "Hartley with tuned grid" and the "Reinartz" are one and the same, used for different purposes. It is very interesting to draw circuits out side by side in this fashion with the parts in the same relative position. The likenesses of circuits may then be easily observed. Many "new" wonders will disappear if you analyze them this way.

In this discussion the term "reversed feedback" has been used as by the amateur, not as by Ballantine, who applies it to an arrangement in which there is no inductive coupling between the helix and the grid coil.

### Master Oscillators

While the master-oscillator is always one of the three standard circuits, still we cannot classify the complete master-oscillator-with-power-amplifier under our self-oscillatory circuit headings. It is here mentioned for the purpose of stating that the output of the amplifier tubes will not differ greatly from that obtained with self-excitation. At 3Y0 a 5-watt tube was made to furnish grid excitation for two 250-watt tubes in a self-rectifying arrangement. The output after a little tinkering, was about the same as with self-excitation but with the advantage that the wave does not shift as the antenna swings in the wind. (This is a combination that the amateur had better not attempt. Usually it is quite impossible to get reliable performance unless the master oscillator tubes represent at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  and better  $\frac{1}{2}$  the power rating of the amplifier. There is much sad experience back of this advice!—Tech. Ed.)

The question of Master Oscillators brings up that of harmonics. At 3Y0, with self-excitation the strength of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th harmonics was measured with a wavemeter. The deflections on the scale of the wavemeter galvanometer were 1, 28 and 3 respectively. With the master oscillator, and about the same antenna input, the deflections were 1, 3 and 3. The fundamental is here considered as the first harmonic.



## Your Antenna Tower---A Real Problem

By S. Kruse, Technical Editor

**W**HAT sort of mast or tower shall I erect?" It is the commonest question of our members, yet we can never answer it fully. It seems worth while to explain *why* there is no good answer—to point out a few of the problems that every station-owner must solve for himself, and that are generally overlooked.

### Why We Know Nothing

Antennas have been carried on masts and towers for more than 25 years, yet little enough is known about them. What theory there is concerns itself mainly with imaginary antennas that are located in the center of a large flat plain, without a house, tree, wire or river within a great distance. Does that fit an amateur antenna that springs from a 25x30 back yard and terminates on a pole set between two giant maple trees? Hardly! Neither does commercial experience have any value to us, for we work our antennas at, or even below, the fundamental (natural) wavelength and it is quite easy for a long guy wire or a steel pole to fall into resonance and mysteriously do away with large amounts of energy—a thing our commercial brethren have no experience with.

It becomes clear that we will have to do our own thinking—help from the outside has not arrived.

### Towers

There is always with us the man that swears by the self-supporting wooden tower and presents strong claims for it. He says that there will be no induced currents running around in a wooden tower, that it will not, by its presence, particularly lower the effective height of the antenna and that we can work on any wavelength without worrying about resonance humps or re-radiated energy from the tower. Also the tower does not cost much. These are strong arguments and must be considered—but first let us hear from 'he man with the steel tower.

The steel tower's claims are that the induced-current loss in a steel tower does not amount to much, the currents are perhaps large but the resistances are very low and so are the losses. Whatever the loss may be, the steel-tower man is sure that they are lower than those caused by putting a large mass of wet wood into the field of the antenna and making a poor condenser of that antenna. Neither does the steel-tower man worry especially about the effect of the tower in lowering the effective height

—that can be regained by making the tower a bit higher—it will still be safe. As advantages for the metal tower one can claim that it is lightning-proof, permanent, handsome, and the strongest of all amateur antenna supports.

Which shall it be? Certainly the steel tower costs more—especially if one has to move it; probably also the effect of bringing the antenna close to it will be much worse than with the wooden tower; also we will have to stay off waves near the

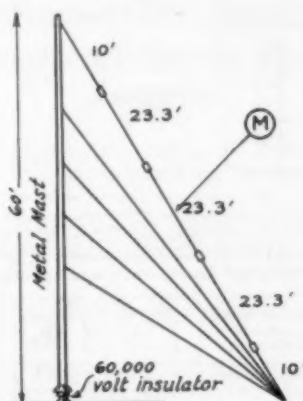


FIG. 1 MAST AT 9LQ

natural wave of the tower. But where there is room and money and a free choice of wavelengths the steel tower would seem to have the best of it; in other respect the wooden one leads.

### Self-Supporting Masts

For the present the guy-less mast can be considered as a very narrow tower and all the arguments of the previous paragraphs applied without much change, except that such an affair is less rigid and more handsome.

### Guyed Masts

When the guyed mast is considered, numberless questions appear at once. It is no longer possible to settle out-of-hand the business of choosing wood or metal for the structure, for the electrical effects are now caused mainly by something *entirely different*—the guy wires. The effect of these guy wires is to make the whole affair have electrical properties somewhat like those of a lubberly steel tower with a base as wide as the spread of the guy wires. Such a monstrosity would cause the average

radioman to give up the station in disgust—yet guy wires seem to be received with the utmost calmness. It will be worth while to consider the guyed mast in more detail.

#### Losses in Guy Wires

If there are any losses in the guy wires it will be because currents are flowing in those wires—and the current will not need to be very large to cause serious waste of power, for the resistance of iron wire is

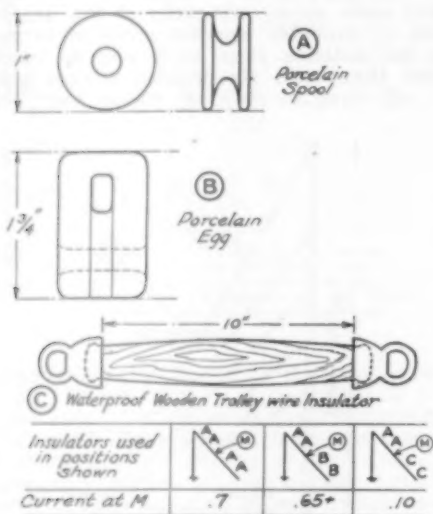


FIG. 2 GUY WIRE INSULATOR TEST

high. This is worth considering, for currents as high as 3 amperes have been measured in a badly-placed guy wire at a 1-kilowatt station. The next question is naturally—can we avoid these currents?

#### Guy Wire Insulators

For many years there has existed in amateur radio circles a superstition to the effect that losses in the guy wires can be almost entirely avoided by chopping the guys up into short lengths with porcelain "eggs" or "breakers" between them. The value of this device is badly over-rated, especially when it is used as an excuse for careless placing of the guy wires.

In the days of 3-foot Marconi oak insulators this business of cutting up the guy wires was pretty effective, as the capacity across such an insulator is not large. But the capacity thru the little porcelain "eggs" and "spools" of amateur practice is considerable and cannot be ignored. To prove this we will recall some ancient tests conducted at pre-war 9LQ, a one-half-kilowatt spark station with a steel mast 60 feet high, guyed in three directions and insulated from the ground by a high tension

pin insulator. Referring to Fig. 1, the top guy wire was an even 90 feet long and was divided by porcelain "spools" of the type shown at Fig. 2a. At the risk of two necks, a one-ampere hot-wire meter was placed at M in the top guy-wire, readings being made with the aid of a telescope and acrobatics. The results of the test are given in the table of Fig. 2 and need no comment. If we are to continue this business of cutting up guys with insulators we certainly need something else than porcelain eggs.\*

The placing of insulators in the guy wires has been known to have the unlucky effect of tuning the guy wire to some harmonic of the sending station—with the effect that this harmonic wastes much power in the guys and locally raises a large amount of needless racket.

In any case it is well to cut the guy wire in pieces of equal length, then to make them up to the required length by splicing thru eggs—or whatever better thing is available. If the pieces are of different length there will certainly be a number of resonance waves and one or the other will always be getting into difficulties with a harmonic.

#### Position of the Guy Wires

The next thought is to so place the guys that there will be no voltage induced in them; then there will be no current and no loss. This sounds good on paper, but is rather impractical. Referring to Figure 3, if we place a wire at Fig. 3a, voltage will be induced in it by the flow of current in the antenna top (or, if you wish, by the magnetic field of the antenna) and of course a loss-current will flow. If we put it in the position of Fig. 3b, voltage will be "picked up" from the static field of the antenna and most certainly a current will flow again.

The net result is that there cannot be chosen a "best angle" for the guy wires, we must just put them where the strength of the mast requires, try to keep them clear of the antenna and counterpoise, and put up with the losses that follow. How serious these losses are we will not know.

#### Truss Wires

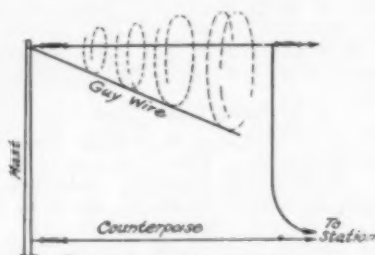
There is one special type of structure, the wooden frame with wire bracing, that can be made to fall into the class of steel masts if one is careless enough to permit contacts between the various bracing wires. The losses will probably be less if they are kept apart, but if the antenna field is very strong, or the mast wet, it may be better to bond all the wires together—again there is no general rule.

\*12" pieces of 1"x1" oak, well dried and boiled in paraffine, should be considerably better than the common porcelain eggs. Holes for wires must be very small (just large enough to put the wire thru) and must be at least an inch from the ends.

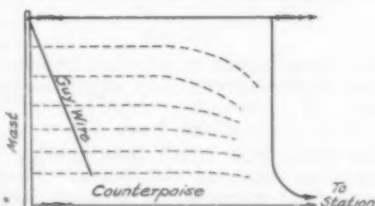


### Base Insulation

When a steel mast or tower is used one naturally wonders if losses in the structure cannot be lowered by insulating it from the ground. Again there is not a very general answer. At pre-war 9LQ (see Fig. 1) and 9DM the results were neutral; the mast could be insulated or grounded to a large buried wire net without any particular



(A) HORIZONTAL GUY WIRE CUTTING THRU MAGNETIC FIELD



(B) VERTICAL GUY WIRE CUTTING THRU EQUAL-POTENTIAL PLANES

FIG. 3 HOW VOLTAGES ARE INDUCED

effect on the signal strength at 9NH (600 miles), 9EP (40 miles), 5ED (450 miles), or 6DM (1300 miles). However, a slight retuning of the antenna circuit was required. When a *poor* ground connection (a water pipe) was used things became entirely different, the antenna current dropped about 10%, signals failed at all points beyond 200 miles, and the antenna tuning was very broad. In the government tests at the opening of NAA the results seemed to favor grounding the towers, altho they had been built with the idea of always using the insulators. Ballantine suggests that the best method is to insulate the tower or mast and then connect it to the regular station ground, merely to prevent an accidental (and always poor) ground. This seems to check with the tests above.

### How High?

Finally there is our old argument as to the proper height of the antenna supports. If there were no chance of resonance with the mast, nor any guy wires to occupy extra

space, one would naturally suppose that the highest mast would be the best, as long as the antenna did not become too long for the station's wavelength. But it is quite possible that too tall a metal mast may get into trouble with a short wave or that the extra height will call for a compromise-vertical antenna which runs much too close to the top guy wires. Still, the space and wealth that most of us have available does not ordinarily get us into this difficulty and the owner of the usual "T" or "inverted L" antenna has small cause to fear that his mast is too high!!

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## Seeing What Your Tubes Are Doing

*A Simple and Cheap Method of Measuring the Plate Dissipation, and the Output of Power Tubes, Also the Resistance of the Antenna*

*By H. J. Nolte\**

THE standard methods of measuring tube output by obtaining the high frequency resistance of the output circuit are processes which require greater facilities than are available to most experimenters. The apparatus required is expensive, since it must be designed with particular attention to low losses, there being great possibility of error if coils, condensers and instruments have not been selected with this thought in mind. Many experimenters must be content to measure the tube output in amperes to the antenna.

It is the purpose of this article to indicate a method of measuring tube output which does *not* require the measurement of circuit resistance directly, is simple and rapid of determination, and employs apparatus easily available to most experimenters.

### Principle Involved

The input power to the plates of a tube

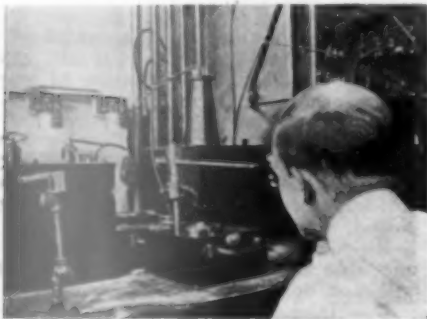


Figure 1—Measuring the power lost on the plate of a UV-204 Radiotron.

transmitter is used up in the following outputs:—

Input = Plate loss + grid-leak-loss + tube output to the antenna.

It is apparent, then, that if the values of input, plate loss and grid-leak-loss are measured, we can easily find the output.

### Plate Input

The input is the total power into the plate circuit. It is, of course, the product of the D.C. plate voltage and the D.C. plate current. If fluctuations in anode voltage due to improper smoothing<sup>2</sup> are present, a D.C.

milliammeter will not indicate correct values of plate current. Thus, to obtain more accurate values of D.C. anode current it is preferable, but not necessary, to measure it with an A.C. milliammeter.

### Grid Leak Loss

The grid leak loss is usually so small as to be negligible. When an oscillator is in poor adjustment, however, this loss may be considerable.<sup>1</sup> It might be well, therefore, if output measurements are being made during the initial tryout, to include the grid leak loss in the calculations. This loss is, of course, the product of the square of the D.C. grid-current in amperes by the value of grid leak in ohms, that is,  $I^2R$ .

### Output

The tube output is all that power which is lost in the circuit and supplied the antenna.

### Plate Loss

The plate loss is all that energy which appears as heat at the plate. Thus, for all practical purposes it is necessary only to find this plate loss, and with a knowledge of the grid leak loss and input, to calculate the tube output.

### Determination of Plate Loss

Since *all* of the energy lost at the plate is transformed into heat, there is a definite relation between the watts dissipated and the temperature. To find the watts lost at the plate for any normal operating condition, the temperature is noted while the set is working. Then the grid lead and oscillating circuit are disconnected from the tube, so that it cannot oscillate. Now if plate voltage is supplied, *all* of the input will be wasted on the plate. Thus, when the D.C. plate voltage is varied until the plate temperature is the same as for the normal operating condition, the D.C. watts input will be the same as the watts lost at the plate when oscillating normally.

The filament energy, of course, aids in heating the anode, but since this is held constant for both oscillating and non-oscillating conditions it cancels out and, therefore, need not be taken into account.

1—Meaning a poor filter (or none at all). This is what almost all amateurs are using. However, don't stop because you lack an A.C. milliammeter.

2—It's not hard to tell if your grid-leak-loss is high: just feel the grid-leak after you finish sending.

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### Comparing Plate Temperatures

Results obtained by judging the plate temperatures with the eye without some standard would be extremely inaccurate. To insure accurate plate temperature comparisons, the principle of *matching the brightness of a lamp filament against that of the plate* is used. This principle is incorporated in standard optical pyrometers which may be obtained on the market. An improvised optical pyrometer, however, gives nearly as good results.

A sketch of a readily constructed optical pyrometer is shown in Figure 2. A 10-watt 115-volt Mazda lamp is mounted either in a box or on a block of wood. Sighting tubes which may be of any material such as brass or paper tubing are supported so that a portion of the filament may be seen through the tubes against the area whose brightness is to be matched—in this instance the Radiotron plate. A single sighting tube between the eye and the filament may be used providing a cardboard shield with a hole to sight through is placed near the plate. Either the shields or the second tube helps to prevent the entrance of light from other portions of the plate into the sighting tube. If a more carefully designed instrument is desired, it is possible to prevent the entrance of all confusing light reflections by inserting stops in the form of washers with proper sized holes at definite points along the inside of the tubes.

The filament lighting source may be a 22½ volt or a 45 volt "B" battery. The current need only be of the order of 40 milliamperes and if the filament is lighted for only short periods, there is but slight danger of running down the battery.

For adjusting the temperature of the filament, when matching its brightness against that of the anode, a rheostat of from 250 to 500 ohms is required. A lower resistance rheostat is practical if the battery used is equipped with intermediate voltage taps.

A D.C. milliammeter to read values of filament current for varying filament temperatures of the 10-watt lamp, completes the pyrometer. The instrument for measuring this current need not be accurate as its indications are only relative and do not enter into the calculations of output. A voltmeter may be used to measure voltage across the pyrometer filament instead of current through it.

Figure 3 shows instrument constructed for portable use. Here, however, the lamp is especially designed for lighting from dry cells. The sighting tubes contain stops and slits for varying the area of heated zone to be observed. Figure 1 shows an observation being made.

Because of the short filament length, small low-voltage lamps, such as used for

flashlights or on automobiles are not satisfactory for pyrometer use.

### Procedure for Making Output Measurement

The procedure is best illustrated by taking a practical example. In this case the grid leak loss is assumed to be negligible and will be omitted. The output to be

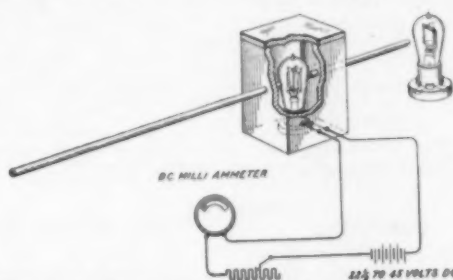


Figure 2—Construction of a home-made pyrometer for measuring power lost in transmitting tubes.

measured is that of a UV-206, 1 K.W. Radiotron operating in a Hartley circuit with a dummy antenna and a resistance load.

The pyrometer is set up so that the middle area of the plate is visible through the sighting tube. The set is adjusted and the condition of oscillation at which output measurement is to be made is obtained. The tube is allowed to operate until the temperature of the anode is constant. While the plate voltage and current are maintained constant the filament of the pyrometer is matched against the brightness of the anode. To make this color match it is best to bring the temperature of the lamp filament above that of the anode and then slowly decrease it until the filament just fades out against the heated anode background. Values of plate voltage, plate current, and pyrometer filament current are recorded.

Now the tube is disconnected from the oscillating circuit, leaving the plate connected to the high voltage source and the grid connected *directly to the filament*. The plate voltage is slowly increased until the plate appears as near as possible to the temperature it was during oscillation. A color match is made with the pyrometer to observe if the pyrometer filament current is the same as the recorded value. If these values are not the same, plate voltage is adjusted again until a color match gives a value of pyrometer current the same as the value recorded when the tube

3—Don't make the mistake of thinking that your plate voltage is shown by your transformer name plate—there is a drop in the rectifier, also the line voltage may be off. Use a voltmeter or "fake" one as explained QST for October, p. 18.

was oscillating. Plate voltage and current are then recorded.

Observed values and calculated values for a set of output measurements are given below:

Observed			Non-Oscillating		
Oscillating					
Ep	Ip	Ipyr.	Ep	Ip	
Volts	Amps.	M.A.	Volts	Amps.	
14500	.105	38.0	9200	.0190	

Calculated					
		Plate			Output
		Loss			K.W.
Input		K.W.			
1.52		.17			1.34

The following set of readings and calculated values apply to a UV-203:

Observed			Non-Oscillating		
Oscillating					
Ep	Ip	Ipyr.	Ep	Ip	
Volts	Amps.	M.A.	Volts	Amps.	
1000	.150	32	800	.094	

Calculated					
		Plate			Output
		Loss			Watts
Input		Watts			
150		75			75

It is to be observed that if the grid leak loss is appreciable and requires consideration, it should be added to the plate loss and this sum subtracted from the input to obtain the output.

For each individual Radiotron tube a curve can be drawn, showing the relation between watts lost from the plate and pyrometer filament-current-values. In this way the watts lost from the plate and the tube output for any condition of operation

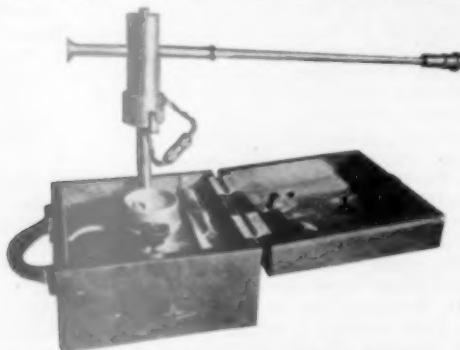


Figure 3—A Portable Pyrometer built on the plan suggested in Fig. 2.

can be rapidly determined by making a single observation with the pyrometer.

#### Antenna and Helix Resistance

The resistance of the entire oscillating circuit, of course, can be obtained by recording the r.f. output current and then calculating the resistance of the output circuit from this current and the output in watts

which was previously determined. This is done by using the formula  $I^2R=W$ , where  $I$  is the current,  $R$  the resistance and  $W$  the watts in the circuit.

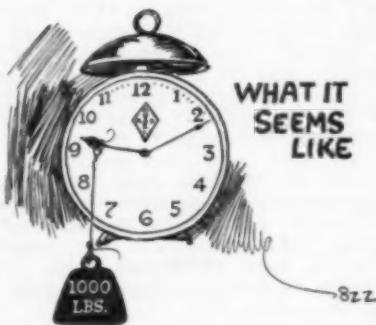
For instance, if the UV-203 tube mentioned above as having an output of 75 watts was working into an antenna, and the antenna current was 3 amperes, then it is evident that

$$3^2R=75$$

and that

$$R=75/3^2=8.34 \text{ ohms.}$$

This is the resistance of the entire oscillating circuit, including the antenna, series condensers, helix, etc. (This is really a more useful value than the antenna resistance alone, as it may expose a poor helix or poor series condenser.—Tech. Ed.)



### NORTHWEST CONVENTION

Seattle, April 11th and 12th

The Northwestern—7th District fellows are having their convention at the Y. M. C. A. in Seattle on the 11th and 12th of April, and all licensed amateurs are invited to attend and join in the fun.

The program for the first day covers registration, a business session of the 7th District gang, election of officers, and an inspection of local stations. After 10:30 P. M. there will be an opportunity to pound brass in local shacks. On the 12th there will be a continuation of the business meeting if anything is left over, then a "See Seattle" ride for which cars will be furnished. And at night a bouquet, with talks, and a "Wouff Hong" initiation—the first R.O.W.H. initiation west of Chicago.

All hams welcome and a big time assured. For further particulars address 7ADQ, I. V. Iverson, 4052 Second Ave., N. W., Seattle.



## Should Regeneration Be Eliminated?

By William W. Harper, Experimental Section, A.R.R.L.

It is generally agreed that all tuned radio-frequency amplifiers are regenerative unless something is done to make them non-regenerative. Some makers aim at purely non-regenerative amplifiers, others merely limit regeneration so that oscillation will not take place. Mr. Harper prefers the second sort of amplifier and limits regeneration by reducing the inductance in the plate circuits of his tubes, an idea that is used in Mr. M. B. Sleeper's amplifier, described in this issue of QST. Some true amplification must be given up in doing this, whatever the gain due to regeneration may be. One accordingly thinks of restoring the plate circuit to its usual state and then preventing oscillation by one of the schemes described by Dr. L. M. Hull in the January issue of QST. By under-compensating regeneration can then be allowed to creep in. The eventual r.f. amplifier probably will use one of the two plans and in addition put the tuning of all the stages under control of one knob. This would leave only two tuning controls, the other one being on the input tuner.—Tech. Ed.

**W**ITHIN recent years much attention has been directed to the subject of radio frequency amplification at short wave lengths and consequently many articles have been presented describing certain improvements in this phase of the art.

It is well known that probably the most important factor in the development of radio frequency amplification at the lower wave lengths has been the electro-static capacity between the grid and plate elements of the vacuum tube.

This unavoidable property is known to give rise to regenerative action within the vacuum tube circuits and has been explained in detail by other writers. It is also true that this property may result in sustained oscillations if care is not taken to limit the reaction.

A review of the existing conditions in this field has recently been given by Hull<sup>1</sup>, wherein the nature of regeneration has been discussed and a resume presented concerning the various means of control and elimination.

In all literature which has been presented in recent years it is quite obvious that internal tube capacity as well as its effect has been defined as a menace to high frequency amplification. As a result, the work which has been done has had for its objective the *complete elimination* of this effect. (It is to be understood that it is physically impossible to eliminate the electrical capacity between the grid and plate of the vacuum tube, though it is electrically possible to eliminate or render negligible the effect of this capacity.)

### Is Regeneration Really Harmful?

An analysis of the entire situation seems to indicate that many experimenters, having found suitable means for limiting the

reaction so as to avoid sustained oscillations, have gone further by attempting to apply methods which serve to annihilate completely the reaction or regenerative amplification. At this time the writer is not in a position to discuss the logic in this trend of the development. At least



SHALL WE REMOVE  
ALL OF THE FEEDBACK?

it has not been clearly stated why we should eliminate completely the seemingly *useful* regenerative amplification which develops as a result of the coupling capacities. If we may expect greater voltage amplification after having eliminated the regeneration phenomenon, surely very little data has been given to show the superiority and feasibility of such a scheme over those which involve the use of reaction currents. Furthermore, it is not too clear that the receivers on the market which claim absolute neutralization of the tube capacities are actually so arranged that this can be accomplished. It seems the neutralization only goes so far as to prevent the creation of sustained oscillations, or, in other words, the degree of regeneration amplification is definitely *limited*. Then it becomes logical to assume

<sup>1</sup>—"Anti-Regenerative Amplification" By L. M. Hull, QST, January, 1924.

that probably the success of these receivers resides in the small amount of reaction which remains by virtue of the incomplete neutralization.

We are all well acquainted with the fact that regenerative amplification gives rise to intensified signals and it is not entirely undesirable until locally sustained oscillations are produced. If we then eliminate the slightest trace of regenerative action as well as the local oscillations it is reasonable to say that we will have a noticeable loss in the effectiveness and

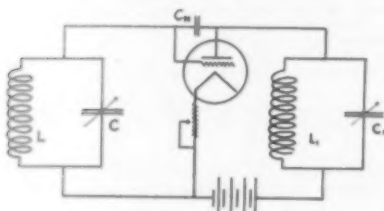


FIG. 1

responsiveness of the receiver. To the writer's knowledge it has not been clearly shown how we may compensate for this loss.

#### A Review

It may be advisable to review again the cause of regeneration in tuned radio frequency amplification in order to gain a better understanding of the data to be given later in this article.

A fundamental circuit is shown in Fig. 1. When the tuned circuits LC and  $L_1C_1$  are resonant or approximately resonant the reaction currents through  $C_n$  will be of sufficient value to give rise to sustained oscillations. This assumes that the grid return is so connected that oscillations are possible—that is, the grid return is connected to the negative filament battery. By substituting a small inductance,  $L_n$ , in the place of  $L_1C_1$ , we will have a circuit as shown in Figure 2. In this instance, if the inductance  $L_n$  is small the reaction currents passing through  $C_n$  are so limited that oscillations can not be sustained.<sup>2</sup>

Now, if we bring the circuit  $L_1C_1$  into inductive relation with  $L_n$  as shown in Figure 3 (instead of putting it directly in the circuit as in Fig. 1) we will find it possible again to produce oscillations, providing the input circuit LC and the output circuit  $L_1C_1$  are in approximate resonance. A useful explanation for this condition resides in the fact that anything closely coupled to a circuit acts partially as if it were in the circuit. The nature and extent of this effect depend on (A) the closeness of the coupling and (B) the ratio of turns in the two coils. In this case we are concerned with the ratio of turns of the coils L and  $L_n$ ,

also the closeness of the coupling between them. Of course it will be clear that we may reduce the amount of this reinduced energy from the circuit  $L_1C_1$  by removing this circuit from  $L_n$  or by making  $L_n$  small enough that the potentials created by  $L_1C_1$  will be definitely limited. It is accordingly possible so to arrange the coefficient of coupling and the ratio of transformation in these transformers that maximum reaction currents may be realized through  $C_n$  without producing undesirable oscillations. This condition may be so utilized that no oscillations can be generated regardless of the sharpness of resonance of the tuned circuits or the frequency settings and at the same time a very responsive circuit is realized.

#### How to Build the Tuner

In Figure 4 a circuit is given of a complete receiver using this principle. The fixed-tune antenna circuit and the detector tube circuit have merely been added to the circuit of Figure 3. The design of the coupling transformers is, of course important, since the stability of the entire system hinges on this factor. The size of the secondaries, L and  $L_n$ , depends upon the wave length range to be covered. For the broadcasting frequencies the writer has found 75-turn honey-comb coils useful. Any low loss inductance having a value of approximately .3 millihenry is satisfactory. The condensers used should have a capacity of approximately 250.

This ratio of inductance to capacity makes the tuning somewhat easier than would be the case if a smaller ratio were used. In this part of the circuit it is well worth the effort to abide by what has been suggested in QST as to avoiding losses in the inductance and capacity. An inductance should be used which has a minimum distributed capacity<sup>3</sup> as well as a minimum ohmic resistance, and it always pays to buy a condenser having low losses and rugged mechanical design.<sup>4</sup> Losses in this part of the circuit not only cause the signal energy to be dissipated but the sharpness of resonance and selectivity will also be impaired. The primaries of the coupling transformers are dependant upon several factors and for the layman the number of turns to be used is best determined by experiment. For the broadcast frequen-

2—See "Radio Frequency Amplifiers" by Stuart Ballantine in this issue.

3—This is correct, but must not be misinterpreted. Distributed capacity, in the amounts found in receiving coils of ordinary types, does not do much to weaken signals, and practically nothing at all to increase the losses. What it does do is to narrow down the tuning range. It acts as a fixed condenser across the variable one; naturally such a combination does not cover as wide a frequency band as if all of the capacity were in the variable condenser.—Tech. Ed.

4—See various past QST articles and communications as to the difference between a good and bad condenser.

cies about twenty or twenty-five turns are satisfactory and may be wound on wood spools or cardboard tubing which will fit snugly into the secondary coils. The number of turns mentioned above for the primaries is based on a separation of approximately five inches from center to center of the coils,<sup>5</sup> with their axes parallel and with a negative coefficient of electromagnetic coupling between the tuned secondaries.

The greater part of the experimental work done on this type of amplification has been carried out on broadcasting frequencies. A receiver has been constructed, however, which uses coupling transformers having 5-turn primaries and 25-turn secondaries with 250 $\mu$ f condensers and the 100-meter DX has been received with great effectiveness. The arrangement for this

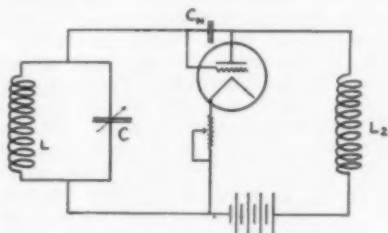


FIG. 2

work consists of one radio, detector, and one external heterodyne. We have not found it necessary to employ any radio frequency amplification on this set. The principle has been further extended for use in super-heterodyne work and at this time the writer is obtaining very consistent results on a small loop using one detector, one external heterodyne oscillator, one stage of self-balanced radio frequency amplification (5000 meters), second detector, and one audio frequency amplifier. It has also been applied successfully to receivers designed for intermediate frequency reception and in all instances seems to function according to theory and gives remarkable responsiveness. A very efficient set has also been evolved using this principle in connection with the inverse duplex method of reflex. In this receiver all the original difficulties, including the use of the potentiometer resistance, have been eliminated. It will not function satisfactorily, however, on a loop antenna, for various reasons, but gives unusual results on a small antenna used as a collector. The exact circuit arrangement for this set is shown in Figure 5. It does not seem logical to the writer to attempt to apply this set to short wave communication.

5—That is, the center of one pair of coils is supposed to be 5 inches from the center of the coils connected to the next tube.

Unfortunately the application of this principle to the design of a receiver to meet any certain requirement is a rather involved procedure. The difficulties to be met come under two classifications: First, the presence of parasitic capacities due to

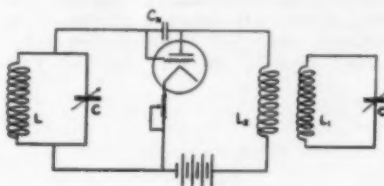


FIG. 3

electrostatic couplings external to the tube; and, secondly, the presence of electromagnetic couplings between the tuned transformers. Both of these factors have considerable influence upon the design of the transformers, or more definitely, upon the number of turns to be used on the primaries. In both cases the conditions are dependent entirely on the physical arrangement. If the coupling capacities external to the tubes are large the number of turns on the primary will have to be reduced accordingly in order to prevent locally sustained oscillations by reason of the excessive reaction currents through these parasitic capacities. On the other hand if the transformers are placed close together with a negative coefficient of coupling<sup>6</sup> between the tuned secondaries the entire set will be "dead" and unresponsive. A positive electromagnetic relation may result in great responsiveness or even vigorous oscillation. In the case of negative coupling we are forced to recognize the effect of the reversed feed-back which is

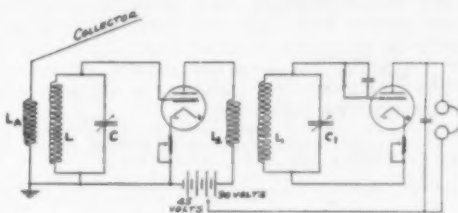


FIG. 4

now in commercial use and has been thoroughly described in other articles.<sup>7</sup> In the second instance where a positive magnetic relation exists we have a condition

6—Meaning that the coils are placed in the same "attitude" so that the magnetic fields tend to "buck". If one of them were turned end-for-end the magnetic fields would aid and troublesome feed-back would be in action at once.

7—The Superdyne Receiver, by C. D. Tuska, QST for November, 1923.

identical to that described as feed-back regeneration.

#### Conclusion

It seems that more information is needed as to the relations between regenerative and anti-regenerative receivers. It is claimed that remarkable results are obtained when all traces of reaction are eliminated, but the reasons for this have not been clearly stated. At any rate the

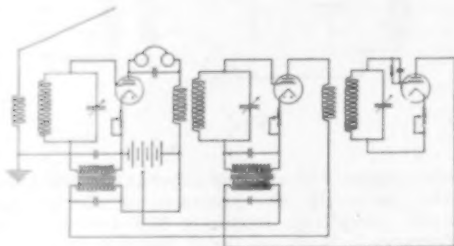


FIG. 5

writer has been able to demonstrate the effectiveness of regenerative non-oscillating receivers and has observed thus far that they compare very favorably in all respects with the so-called anti-regenerative apparatus. It should be mentioned that it has been possible to obtain reasonable loud speaker volume on all the average broadcasting stations by using only one radio amplifier, detector, and one audio amplifier, using UV-199 tubes. Removing the radio frequency amplifier and adopting tuned plate or feed-back regeneration, results in a very noticeable loss and a great reduction in signal intensity, which is not in agreement with the data given by Budlong<sup>8</sup> in a recent article. More quantitative data as to the comparative responsiveness and selectivity of regenerative and anti-regenerative receivers will be of great interest and will clear up the question of whether or not we should strive completely to eliminate all traces of regenerative action.

<sup>8</sup>—"Tuned Radio Frequency Amplification" By A. L. Budlong, QST, December, 1923.

### WWV Schedules

Every day there are fewer amateurs who do not know their sending wavelengths with exactness. The reason is the continuation of the "Standard Frequency Transmissions" from station WWV, at the Bureau of Standards at Washington, D. C.

The service costs nothing, and it continues to grow more popular especially and particularly with the members of A.R.R.L.

The next schedules are given below; they can be heard and used at most points

east of the Mississippi River and at many beyond.

The signals are of use in testing receiving sets, checking wave meters and adjusting transmitters. The accuracy is better than 3-10 of 1%. This is much better than the accuracy of any wave meter the average amateur will ever own.

Information on using the signals was given in the February, 1923, issue of the Radio Service Bulletin, also in the following places in QST—July, 1923, page 28, "U.S. Will Send Standard Waves for A.R.R.L."; May, 1923, page 47, "Laboratory Oscillators." More detailed information can be found in the Bureau of Standards Circular No. 92 which may be obtained on application from the Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.

All transmission is by "straight" unmodulated continuous-wave telegraphy. A complete frequency transmission consists of a general call (i.e., "QST de WWV"), a standard frequency dash, and announcements. The call continues for two minutes, including the statement of the frequency, (not wave lengths) being used. The standard-frequency dash is broken occasionally by the signature "WWV" and continues for about 4 minutes. The "announcement" is on the same wave length as the test that has just been sent and gives the exact frequency of the signal, measured while that signal was being sent. The next frequency is then announced and a 4 minute interval follows while adjustments are made.

#### Schedule of Frequencies in Kilocycles

(Approximate wave lengths in meters in parentheses)

Eastern Std. Time	April 4	April 21
11:00 to 11:05 P.M.	166.5 (1800)	500 (600)
11:12 to 11:20 P.M.	205 (1463)	600 (500)
11:24 to 11:32 P.M.	260 (1153)	700 (428)
11:36 to 11:44 P.M.	315 (952)	833 (360)
11:48 to 11:56 P.M.	375 (800)	900 (333)
12:00 to 12:08 A.M.	425 (705)	1000 (300)
12:12 to 12:20 A.M.	500 (600)	1200 (250)
12:24 to 12:32 A.M.	570 (526)	1400 (214)

Error: In the article "Amateur Wave-meters", page 22, February issue, reference was made to the September, 1922, QST. This should have read September, 1921. As a matter of fact our supply of this issue is now exhausted.



## A Low-Loss Antenna Insulator

By E. J. Atkinson\*

ONE of the most important items in connection with the efficient operation of short wave continuous wave transmitters lies in losses involved in the radiating system. This particular item is given perhaps the least amount of thought and intensive

on the gas stove. Bring the mould up to a dull red heat and maintain this temperature until the work has been com-

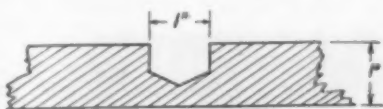


FIG. 1

study of any one unit making up the transmitter itself.

The losses in moulded insulators can be reduced by properly designed flux shields which will so distribute the flux over a large area as to prevent high losses at any point. This principle is used by commercial radio companies, even on the lower frequencies encountered in trans-oceanic work where flux concentration is not as harmful as in the high frequencies encountered in amateur work.

The best materials for antenna insulators are quartz, glass and porcelain. Any type of "moulded mud" insulator is unsatisfactory. Quartz insulators are very good but neither cheap nor easy to obtain. Various tests on porcelain insulators have been described in past issues of QST and porcelain will not be discussed here.



FIG. 2

Very satisfactory antenna insulators can be made from the ordinary glass towel bars, which can be purchased for about 25¢ each. The rods should be carefully selected, taking only those that are clear and free from bubbles, strain checks and crooks. The rods should be of equal length and thickness.

After choosing a number of rods get a piece of soft steel or cast iron and drill a hole in the center as shown in Fig. 1. The block can be of any piece of scrap steel or cast iron and of any dimensions, except it should be at least one inch thick. This piece of steel will provide the mould used in forming the ends of the glass rods. To prevent checking of the heated rod when same comes in contact with the mould, place the mould

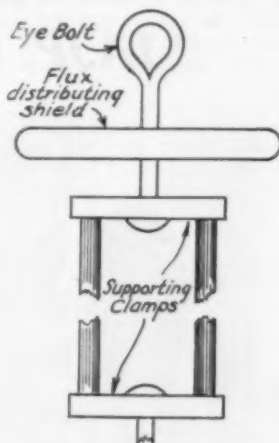


FIG. 3

pleted. Take one of the glass rods and hold about two inches of one end in the flame of another burner, keeping the glass as completely in the flame as possible. The upper part of the flame is hottest. The rod should be very carefully rotated so

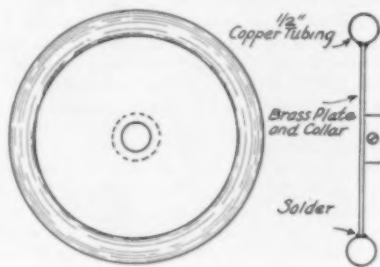


FIG. 4

as to obtain an even rise in temperature of the glass. In about fifteen minutes, a yellow flame will begin to rise from the end of the rod. This is the burning of the glass and the rotation of the rod should be speeded up a little to prevent the end of the rod from bending from its own weight as the glass is pretty soft

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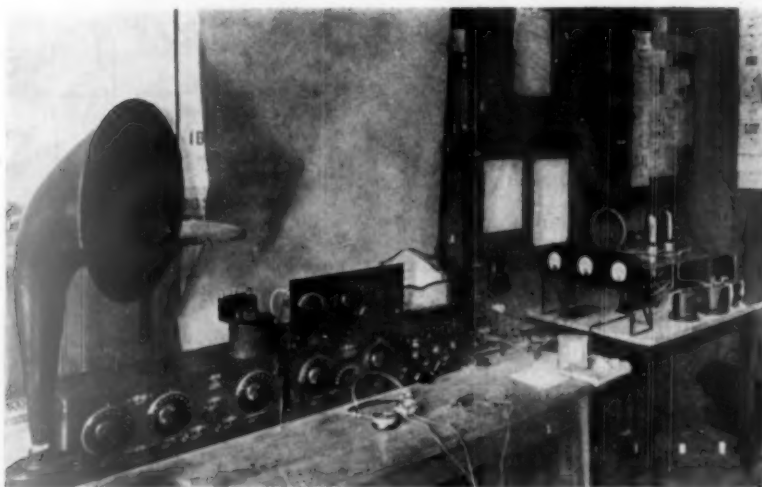
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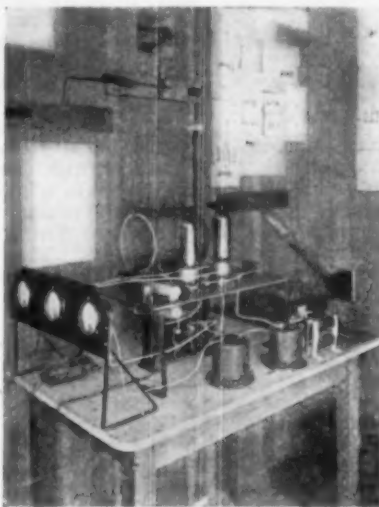
**1AJP, Bridgeport, Conn.**



This station had its beginning five years ago under the call 1JAP; a broadly tuned half-kilowatt spark set on a two-hundred-meter-plus wave with a note like an X-ray machine. The motto of the operator in those days was "variety is the spice of life" so the ether wrecker was moved from one room to another until there wasn't a single wall or window in the house that did not have the remnants of a lead-in sticking through it. When the power was increased to one kilowatt, objections were raised by the family so 1JAP was exiled to a neat little ten by fifteen shack, removed about forty feet from the house. A Round's round ground was installed and a new antenna was erected.

After the spark set came a C. W. set using two 5-watt tubes which was closely followed by a full wave self-rectifying set using two 50-watt tubes. Trouble was had in making these sets work on 200 meters with a ground so a counterpoise was erected. This brings us to the 1AJP of today. Starting with the antenna, it is a 4-wire inverted L, with a 12-foot spread a 60-foot flat top, a 30-foot fanned lead-in and is supported 70 feet in the air at the far end by a mast on the house and at

the shack end by a thirty-foot mast. The counterpoise is directly under the antenna



A Close-Up of the Transmitter at 1AJP and is a 7-wire fan 40 feet long. The

counterpoise is limited in length by the position of the house to which it is attached but it is the best that could be put up under the circumstances.

The transmitter consists of two UV-203 tubes in a conventional shunt-feed Hartley circuit. Plate current is furnished by an Esco 1750-volt 600-watt motor-generator. The normal plate input is 615 watts and the antenna current is 6.6 amperes on 150 meters. On a test the current on 115 meters was 4 amperes and 3.5 amperes on 100 meters with the tubes running cool.

Two receivers are used on the amateur waves; a Grebe "13" and a tuner constructed in accordance with Mr. Hassel's article in the December 1923 *QST*. Exceptionally good results have been had in logging West Coast and European amateurs. A Grebe CR-9 and a W. E. power amplifier furnish entertainment for the family.

As for transmitting results, here are a few of the better ones. The 195-meter wave was logged in England twelve times during August, 1923; in France, Hamburg, Panama, Cuba, Porto Rico, WNP; in New Zealand six times since last April; in Mexico; in the Gulf of Mexico at 2 p.m. E.S.T., and in England at 9 a.m. G.M.T. Every district has been worked in one night. 1AJP was the first station in the first district to be heard in New Zealand. In the Transatlantic tests of 1922 1AJP was heard in England, France, and Holland and over the greater part of the U.S.A.

Mr. Nathaniel Bishop is the owner and operator and the station is located at 31 Park Place, Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. Bishop says he has tried to obtain the kind of results that should be expected with the apparatus used. In this he has more than succeeded.

## 9EKY, St. Louis, Mo.



For a constant amateur station, few can beat 9EKY, located near the center of the country, relay traffic is handled to the tune of 200 messages per month on an average by this station. Numerous DK records have been established. New Zealand 4AA reports about a dozen Yanks louder than 9EKY but few if any more consistently QRK! With two 50-watt tubes in the transmitter 9EKY's signals have been heard by ships in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans besides which the station

has been heard by amateurs in Hawaii, Alaska, Porto Rico, New Zealand, Australia, every state and Canadian province and aboard WNP. Stations in every state except Delaware have been worked and 6CEU in Hawaii has also exchanged signals with 9EKY. Three operators, Ken, ER and WR (brothers), keep the station on the air almost nightly, assisted by a bunch of neighborly hams.

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The equipment is situated in a basement room at 5809 DeGiverville Ave., St. Louis, Mo., and the license is in the name of Richard K. Rohan. Mr. Rohan is a member of the R.O.W.H., the Radio Transmitter's Society of St. Louis, and a member of the Traffic Committee of the latter organization.

The first transmitter was installed at 9EKY in February of 1923 and used one 5-watt tube. Gradually it was added to until, a few months later the present set which uses two 50-watters was installed, and constant work was done through the summer of 1923. Referring to the photograph the filament transformer is on the extreme left. The Emerson 400-watt motor-generator that supplies 1,000 volts to the plates of the tubes sits on a door mat under the table. Next to the transformer are the two UV-203 tubes and meters for indicating the values of plate current, filament voltage, and antenna current. The transmitter employs the reversed feedback circuit with series plate supply. The normal plate current is around 250 milliamperes making the plate input about 250 watts. The normal antenna current is 4.5 amperes and the operating wave 197 meters.

The present receiving set, seen in the center of the photo, consists mostly of loose coils and condensers connected in a manner suggested by Mr. D. C. Wallace, 9ZT, at the Chicago convention. This was a forerunner of the lowloss tuners described in recent issues of QST. A Grebe CR-8 receiver is also used at times.

The records made at this station would lead one to believe that it has a wonderful antenna system. This is not the case, however, for the back-yard at 9EKY is not very large. A counterpoise of 45 wires 39 feet long on 22 foot spreaders and suspended at a height of nine feet between the rear of the house and the back fence forms one side of the radiating system. An inverted L antenna with a four wire flat-top 36 feet long with the wires spaced 6½ feet apart and 65 feet high is suspended above the counterpoise. The far end of the antenna is supported by a 65-foot telegraph pole as there was not sufficient room for a guyed mast. The lead-in drops right down to the radio room and for the last few feet is made of ¼ inch copper rod. Pieces of gauge glass are used for entering insulators.

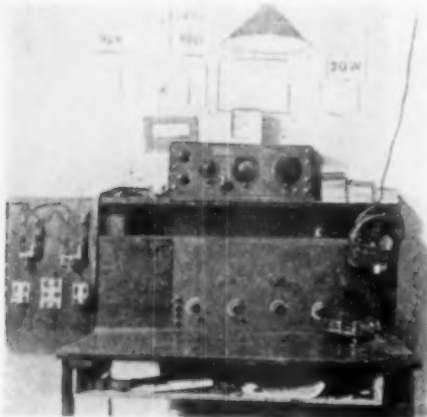
## 2AGB, Summit, N. J.



So far as is known 2AGB is the only station to work amateur stations in every district of the U. S., Canada, and England; and Holland, France, and Italy besides. Most of this work has been done within the past few months. Last April a transmitter using two W. E. 250-watt tubes was installed and a little later a super-heterodyne receiver replaced the Paragon RA-10. By the middle of October, after a synchro-

nous rectifier had been obtained, stations in every U. S. and Canadian district had been worked, and numerous reports from English amateurs were being received. Soon the tubes began to go west, all except a lone 50-watter, so the station was shut down for a time on Nov. 10th.

One Saturday afternoon, D. A. Griffin,



one of the operators, read how French 8AB had been successful in working American stations on 100 meters. He im-

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# INTERNATIONAL Amateur Radio

## A Trophy for Your Station!

A genuine Australian boomerang, suitably engraved, as significant of two-way communication, to the American or Canadian amateur who is first to definitely establish two-way radio communication on amateur wave lengths between New Zealand, or the continent of Australia, and North America!

In special recognition of and as a lasting trophy to the amateur accomplishing this praiseworthy feat, the A.R.R.L. makes the above offer.

The contest is open to all. The trophy is one that will cause the chest of any amateur to swell with pride. Definitely establishing two-way communication will consist in an amateur submitting logs and evidence sufficient to prove to the satisfaction of A.R.R.L. Headquarters that two-way communication was really established. Forward your complete logs on this work to F. H. Schnell, Traffic Mgr., A.R.R.L., 1045 Main St., Hartford, Conn., and he will do the rest.

## Progress on the Pacific Side

Events within the past month show that Australia and North America will be linked by amateur radio soon. Australian and New Zealand amateurs hear our signals regularly and we are beginning to hear theirs. The reception of Australian 3BD by two different American amateurs has been accomplished. Frank Creswell of Los Angeles, and Y. Ito, of Moneta, California, are the lucky ones. Reception was exceedingly spotty and this can hardly be considered more than a freak but it shows that Australasian signals are coming over our way and if we will listen for them we will hear them. In addition, 9AVG of Eureka, Kansas, reports the reception of a C.W. station signing 4AA and using the New Zealand interval (z). 1CMP at Bridgewater, Mass. reports New Zealand 4AA heard on the morning of March 2nd.

A station signing 4AA has also been heard by Rev. Chapman at Anvik, Alaska. Is this our old friend F. D. Bell, New Zealand 4AA, whose signals we are hearing? We certainly hope so, but the latter reception has not been confirmed so it cannot be claimed as an actual fact just yet.

Several series of special tests have been taking place between the Hawaiian amateurs and those in Australia and New Zealand. Hawaiian stations are quite regularly heard in Australia and New Zealand, and Australian 2CM has been heard in the Hawaiian Islands, but we have no record of two-way communication having been established yet. Perhaps another series of tests beginning February 25th will accomplish this.

In the Philippines Fred Elser, whose call is 1ZA, is doing his best with two 50-watt tubes to connect with the U. S. He recently heard 6ZW and as far as he knows this is the only American amateur to have been heard in the Philippine Islands. NPO's are much utterly ruins all chances of doing any DX reception on short waves, so we cannot expect any startling lists of calls heard from him for some time, he says. He believes that the splendid receiving that is being done by the New Zealanders and Australians is due to less commercial interference, less interference from long wave arc stations, a cooler climate and less static. Given equal conditions in the Philippines he could copy U.S. amateurs every night, he says. The Philippines and New Zealand are about equally distant from the center of the U.S.

Nothing further has been heard from Mr. Hiroshi Ando, JFWA at Tokyo. Much of his equipment was lost in the great quake and he is doubtless having difficulty in getting his station back on the air. We expect to hear from him soon.

In the meantime Capt. Baldwin, attache of the American Legation at Peking, is copying scores of American amateurs, some as far inland as Indiana. The ones along the coast are received very well.

## Amateur Radio in Western Samoa

Through the courtesy of the American Vice Consul at Apia, Samoa, acting through

the State Department, a very interesting report on radio conditions in Samoa has been received. Though too long to publish in its entirety it is of interest to American amateurs who expect to communicate with the Samoan Islands by radio before long.

"Western Samoa, administered by New Zealand under a mandate issued by the



League of Nations, is created a radio district of New Zealand and is subject to New Zealand regulations governing radio. Licenses are issued for one year to persons of any nationality upon payment of the proper fee. Spark transmitters are prohibited. Wave lengths from 150 to 180 meters, depending upon the type of transmission, may be used. Wave lengths from 171 to 180 are permitted for straight C.W. telegraph.

"Until recently there has been little interest in amateur radio, probably due to the many restrictions which were in force prior to January, 1923, but the regular reception of programs from New Zealand and American broadcast stations is stimulating interest in radio. There are five licensed receivers in operation at the present time.

"The lack of electric current in Western Samoa is a serious handicap in the growth of amateur radio. The short life of dry batteries in the tropical climate prohibits their use. Battery charging plants with power units had to be installed. One used a small gasoline engine to drive a generator salvaged from a motor boat. Another erected a small windmill and harnessed it to a motor car generator. Another used a small Pelton wheel to drive a six volt generator. These three cases indicate the difficulties in the way of developing power for the operation of transmitters.

"Amateur stations working in the United States are heard nearly every night in Western Samoa. Most of these stations are in California, but many stations from other parts of the United States have been heard. Unfortunately no record of these stations has been kept by the Apia station. Static would interfere to some extent with regular amateur service between Apia and the United States. C.W. signals originating in the United States on 200 meters are strong enough to be read by an experienced

operator through all but the very worst atmospheric electrical disturbances.

"The distance records established by broadcast fans of this territory prove that the islands are favorably situated for reception. Three of the receiving sets that are now there have been equally successful in bringing in broadcasting stations which are usually considered beyond the range of the standard receiver. Kansas City, Chicago, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Calgary are received regularly during the American winter by four of the Apia fans. Receiving WJAZ on a single circuit receiver with two stages of audio on air line distance of 6,555 miles with at least 1500 miles of the distance over land is a record appreciated by the most inveterate distance fiend."

### Irish Broadcasting Hits Snag

Amateur transmission in Ireland is as yet not permitted and even broadcasting is just getting started. The Radio Association of Ireland is quite a growing organization, however, and an organization that is made up of persons interested in all classes of radio. It was planned to organize Irish broadcasting on the English plan of forming a combine of the various radio manufacturers for the purpose of maintaining the broadcast stations. There was such a storm of protest at this, because of its amounting to granting a monopoly to these companies, that the plans are held up until some agreement can be arrived at. It will be quite some time before Irish amateurs will be allowed the privilege of having transmitters evidently but we do hope that they will be able to get on the air soon.

### Stations Lining up for Pan-American Tests

The time for the Pan-American tests is drawing near. Have you signified your intention of taking part by dropping a postcard to the Traffic Manager, telling the power and wave-length you will use and to what extent you are familiar with the Spanish or Portuguese language? If you have not done so yet, better hurry, OM, as the time is getting short.

May 19th to 31st, inclusive, are the dates for the tests. Page 41 of the March, 1294, QST gives the complete story to date.

Cuban amateurs are already keeping one ear open for signals that might be coming from South America. Cuban 8DW-8GT, 2BY, and 2WW are all on the air and are being regularly heard in the U. S.

Stations scattered throughout South America are getting in readiness for the tests. A ship operator in the Straits of Magellan has copied scores of U. S. amateurs. This makes us feel that the tests are sure to succeed and that by the latter part of May we will all be having a merry

time trying to understand each other's signals.

#### Listen For Australia

Don't forget that a2CDM, aboard the S. S. "Tahiti", will be testing on approximately 220 meters with Australian 2CM every night from March 11th to April 8th, Sydney time, during a voyage from Sydney to San Francisco. 2CM, Sydney, will have a 10-watt set on 240 meters and a 100-watt set on 200 of perhaps a lower wave such as 160, and will be testing to 2CDM from 2 to 3 A.M. and from 3:30 to 4:30 A.M., Pacific Standard time, March 10th to April 7th. Keep an ear out!

#### Who is JUPU?

As recently chronicled in QST, u7HG worked JUPU who gave his QRA as Tokyo, but no details except that the operator was an American. Now on March 3d 8BBH, New Straitsville, Ohio, heard JUPU call a six and, a few minutes later, 7CO;

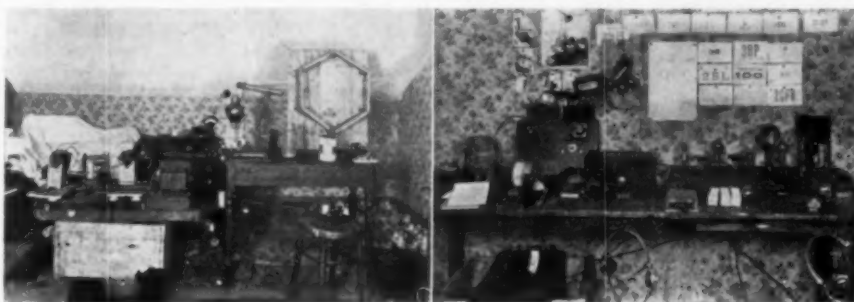
1XAR (1BDT) used phone for about an hour working a London ham recently. Not so bad.

#### Brand New Amateurs

Danish 7EC is on the air, and with A.C. note, 1 amp. in the aerial (wavelength unknown to us), has worked g5KO, g5CS and g2WJ during January. Italian 1MT continues good European work, altho not yet reported in America. Swiss XY, in Geneva, is on the air and has worked g5DN. Luxemburg 1JW was heard in Liverpool on Jan. 27th. They're coming, fellows, all around the world!

#### More Success

Many more amateurs have succeeded in working transatlantic. New foreigners include Dutch PCTT, g2WJ and f8CT, while iACD has had more luck recently too. Among the American stations to get in recently are 1BDI-1XAH, 1BDT-1XAR, 1AF-1XJ, 1XAK, 1BSD, 1ALJ, 3BG, 3OT,



BRITISH 2SH, HIGHGATE, LONDON. Frederick L. Hogg's station, second Britisher to work America, a set untidy in appearance but performing excellently nevertheless, as attested by working a dozen or so Americans. Left-hand view is of the transmitter: extreme left, two Mullard rectifier valves delivering 60-cycle current at 3000 volts, unfiltered, to Mullard 250-C tube in center; Colpitts oscillator circuit, 300 watts input, 3 amps in aerial at 115 meters. Aerial 4-wire L, 70' flattop 45' and 30' high, small counterpoise, system badly screened by trees. Note key on stool in foreground of photo. 2SH has been kidded for his bum fist; doubtless due to a jolly British custom of sending by sitting on the key. Hi! Right-hand view: the receiver, on which 150 American amateurs have been logged, as far west as 5ZA. Commonly used with 1 stage tuned-plate r.f. and detector.

tone pure D.C., wavelength about 190, good fist, reasonably loud. If JUPU is a shipboard set, it may be near the west coast at this writing. Can anybody enlighten us?

#### Amateur Phone Communication

While working 1BDI recently, g2KF carried on his end of the conversation with phone. Not the first time phone has been heard across, but our first record of its use in actual work. 1BDI says his voice and comments seemed great stuff, modulation perfect, and fine punch. g2KF has done excellent work, tying up with 19 American stations up to Feb. 18th. 2OD has done about as well, and so have 2SH and 2NM. F.B. Getting back to phone,

3YO, 4BZ, 4XE, 8AOL, 8XBH, 8XAP.

1XAM has worked PCII with a plate input of 30 watts, signals reported QSA all over room on loud-speaker, using various wavelengths down to 75 meters. 1BSD, Providence, worked PCII on the night of Feb. 15th using one UV-202 with an input of 80 m.a. at 800 volts, 64 watts, wavelength 150 meters, which was somewhat above the antenna fundamental.

Foreign amateurs who do not yet understand the American method of rating tube transmitters should re-read the article "How I Operate UV-202 Radiotrons" in the February issue, by Mr. H. H. Tilley. This is a good example of an American "30-watt set"!

# THE AMATEUR BUILDER



## BUILD YOUR OWN BATTERY CHARGER

By H. F. Mason, Department Editor

THE battery charger is an important item in every station, for the reliability of that station and consistency of operation depend a great deal on having the storage battery always charged and ready for immediate use. Home made battery chargers are usually smelly, grimy, and hot affairs that are more effective in running up the light bill than they are in charging the storage battery. It is possible, however, to build rectifiers that do their work effectively and may be left turned on for hours without requiring the least attention. The charger described in this article is of the latter type. With reliable and tried information as to the constructional details one of these chargers can be built by almost anyone.

The purpose of a battery charger such as we are describing is to enable you to charge a storage battery from your regular house-lighting circuit. A low-voltage direct current is needed for charging the battery, and this is obtained by stepping down the house lighting power by means of a transformer and then rectifying it. Rectifying the current consists of changing the alternating current to direct current by passing it through a one-way valve: a device that permits the passing of current in one direction but not in the reverse direction. A pulsating direct current results

and this is used to charge the storage battery.

It is well known that, in the three-electrode vacuum tubes used in our radio sets, the current flows from the plate to filament but not in the reverse direction. This is the principle used in the thermionic battery charger. The charging tube looks greatly different from a vacuum tube used in radio, however, for the grid has been

dispensed with and various other changes made so the tube will handle heavy current. In its practical form a rectifier tube for battery charging has a heavy tungsten filament and a graphite plate. The elements are enclosed in a round glass bulb filled with argon, an inert gas. The bulbs are made in two sizes. The first charges a six-volt battery at about two amperes and costs about \$4.00; the latter at about five amperes and costs \$8.00. The smaller tube is mounted on a standard Edison screw base while



the larger fits a Mogul socket such as is used for extra-large electric lights. The construction is similar in both tubes, for the filament connections come out through the Edison base while the plate connection is brought out at the top of the tube. When in normal operation there is a blue haze between the plate and filament in addition to the light from the filament and the plate will become just barely a dull red.



Below is given data for the construction of a two-ampere charger and also for a five-ampere outfit. Detailed instructions for winding the coils, assembling the core, and so forth are not given, however, as those things will be covered in an article next month on general transformer construction. If the reader has not had much experience in building transformers and is doubtful as to the procedure it would be best for him to wait until next month before starting to build the charging outfit here described.

### A Two Ampere Charger

The constructional details of a two-ampere charger are shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 is a diagram of the connections. A photo of the complete outfit appears on page 46. The transformer is at the bottom and the sockets for making connection to the battery, line, and rectifier bulb are mounted on a horizontal panel above. This method of mounting is only a suggestion, for the builder can arrange the parts any way he desires as long as the size of the core and transformer windings are not altered.

The transformer has three windings; a primary winding, a charging winding which is part of the primary, and a filament-heating winding. The primary winding is connected to the 110-volt 60-cycle source of supply. The filament-heating winding heats the filament of the charging tube which consumes about 4 amperes at 2 volts in the case of the two-ampere tube. The charging winding furnishes the current that is run through the rectifier and then the battery. A two-ampere fuse is connected in the 110-volt line.

The transformer core is  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches square in cross section and has a window two inches square. For its construction enough pieces of transformer iron  $1\frac{1}{4}$  by  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches and about No. 28 gauge to make a stack  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches high will be required. Ordinary black sheet iron (stovepipe iron) may be used if regular transformer iron is not obtainable, practically the only difference being that the core will heat slightly when ordinary iron is used and a little more current will be drawn from the line.

The main primary winding consists of 500 turns of No. 20 D.C.C. wire. The charging or secondary wind, which also serves as a part of the primary, as explained above, consists of 70 turns of No. 14 D.C.C. wire. The filament-heating winding is made of eleven turns of No. 14 D.C.C. wire, doubled so as to carry the current without heating. The two wires composing the filament winding should be wound side by side in two even layers and should not be twisted before wind. A tap is brought out at the center of the winding, of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  turns.

The primary and charging windings are wound one at a time on a wooden form  $1\frac{1}{2}$

inches square, two layers of thin fibre or fish paper  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide being placed tightly over the form before the winding is started. The windings are wound in

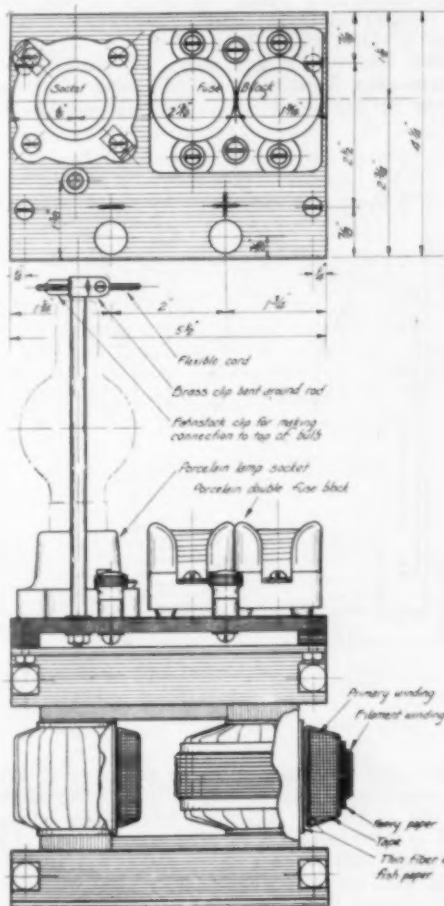


Fig. 1

even layers, shellacing each layer as the winding proceeds. When through, the windings are removed from the form and taped. Three layers of thin fibre or fish paper are then glued to the outside of the primary winding and the filament winding is wound on. More information as to exactly how to go about winding coils for transformers will be given in the article on transformers next month.

When the windings have been placed on the core, the core is clamped together by pieces of one inch by  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch angle iron  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches long with one-quarter inch bolts  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches long. If you are unable to get the pieces of angle iron at your local hardware store or junk yard, four pieces of

hardwood one inch square and 5½ inches long will suffice.

The completed transformer can then be made to appear very business-like by giving it a coat of black asphaltum paint or good insulating paint. A panel of bakelite or similar material measuring 3½ by 5½ and ¼ inch thick is used for a terminal board and on it are mounted three porcelain-base sockets, two of these sockets being in the form of a double fuse block.

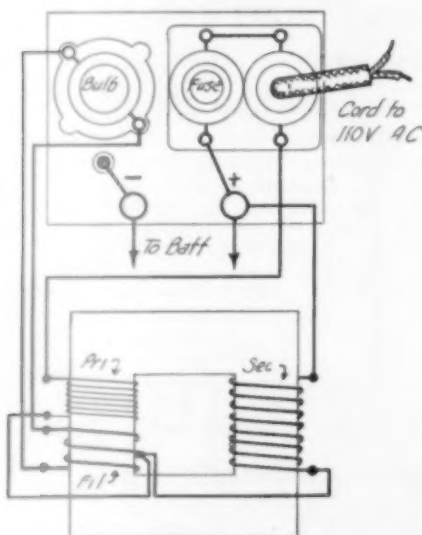


Fig. 2

The exact location of these parts is given by the dimensions in Fig. 1 in the top view of the rectifier. A length of ¼-inch brass rod is also secured to this panel near the rectifier bulb socket. This rod is 6½ inches long and its lower end is threaded with an 8-32 thread for a distance of ½ inch where it passes through the panel. At the upper end a small brass clip is fastened to it and to the clip is fastened a short length of flexible lead. The other end of this lead is soldered to a Fahnestock clip for making connection to the plate terminal on the bulb. Two binding posts, as terminals to be connected to the storage battery, are also fastened to the panel in the location shown in Fig. 1.

The terminal panel is secured to the transformer by four 8-32 flat-head screws passing through the horizontal flange of the top pieces of angle iron. Strips of ¼-inch bakelite hold the panel away from the transformer so leads can be run under the panel. When making the connections it is essential that the main primary winding and the charging secondary winding be connected in series, with the current

traveling through the coils in the direction indicated in Fig. 2. Make all of the leads out of wire at least as heavy as the winding to which they connect. Extra holes should be drilled in the panel for the wires to run through and all wiring run underneath the panel. A piece of fish paper placed beneath the panel next the core will keep the wires from touching the core.

When the connections are finished and the top panel permanently fastened in place, all wiring and ironwork should be given another coat of black insulating paint. The rectifier is then completed by adding the cords, plugs, and battery clips necessary for making the external connections.

#### A Five Ampere Charger

For those who wish to charge a storage battery quicker than can be done with the two-ampere charger, data on one that will charge a six-volt battery at about five amperes or a twelve-volt battery at about three amperes is here given. This charger can be mounted after the fashion of the two-ampere outfit as shown in Fig. 1, or it may be mounted in the simpler fashion shown in Fig. 3. We are indebted to Mr. E. J. Krusel, 9EO, for the data on this charger, as he has built one that is in successful operation.

The five-ampere charger is quite similar to the two ampere charger and a diagram of its connections is shown in Fig. 3. You will note that the charging winding is, in this case, entirely separated from the primary winding. An ammeter, which may be of the automobile type, is used to indicate the charging current as well as the current on discharge. A snap switch for turning the rectifier on and off and binding posts for external connections, together with the ammeter, are mounted on the front panel. The placing of the windings on the core of the transformer is the same as for the two-ampere charger; the primary is wound on one leg of the core with the filament heating winding over it, while the secondary winding is on the opposite leg. A 5-ampere fuse should be placed in the 110-volt line, though not shown in the drawing or diagram.

The core is built up from pieces of soft black iron or transformer iron of about No. 28 gauge, each piece measuring 1½ by 4½ inches. A stack of these pieces 5¼ inches high will be required for the complete core. The core, when assembled in the usual fashion, will be 1½ inches square in cross section and will have a window 2¼ inches square.

For the primary winding 550 turns of No. 18 D.C.C. wire will be required. The secondary winding consists of 135 turns of No. 14, or preferably No. 12, D.C.C. wire. This winding is tapped at the 100th, 105th, and 135th turn to provide for a variation in

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the charging current. The filament heating winding in the case of the five-ampere tube must carry about 8 amperes and if it is tapped in the center, which is advisable, it must also carry the charging current, making a total current of 13 amperes. Two No. 10 or No. 12 D.C.C. or enamelled wires in parallel may be used for this winding. Ten turns of this double wire will be required with a tap brought off at the center of the winding. Be careful when bringing off this tap or in making other connections in this filament circuit to see that the connection is sturdy enough to carry the current without heating.

The windings are wound and taped, then assembled on the core, in much the same fashion as for the two-ampere charger. In the top view in Fig. 3 part of the windings are shown cut away to better illustrate this construction. The transformer is mounted by setting it on two blocks of wood  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches square and  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches long and clamping it down to the wooden base by two strips of sheet iron. The Mogul socket for the rectifier tube is mounted directly behind the transformer.

The general arrangement of the panel is shown in Fig. 3. It is a piece of bakelite or ebony asbestos-board 8 by 9 inches and  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch thick. Three wood screws hold it to the wooden base. After everything is mounted on the panel the wiring should be done as shown in the diagram. The transformer and base should then be painted.

#### Operation

Through some slip in the construction, trouble may be had in getting either one of these rectifiers to working properly. When charging a battery there will be a blue haze around the filament in the tube and the transformer will hum slightly. If the filament lights but no current goes through into the battery, try turning the 110-volt current on and off rapidly several times in succession. If still it does not start charging it will be necessary to put a few more turns (about ten) on the charging winding.

Perhaps the rectifier will go the limit in the other direction and charge at an excessive rate, and the plate of the rectifier tube will become very red. In this case a few turns should be removed from the charging winding to lower the voltage, as when in normal operating condition the plate should never exceed a very dull red. Aside from this it would be well to check the filament voltage with an A.C. voltmeter. It should be between 2 and 2.25 volts. If one of the transformer coils gets very hot there is liable to be a shorted turn in the coil, in which case the coil should be rewound.

On the five ampere charger posts marked "6", "7", and "12" are provided. A six volt battery can be charged by connecting it between the terminal marked "negative" and the 6-volt post. If a greater charging rate is desired the positive terminal of the battery should be connected to the post

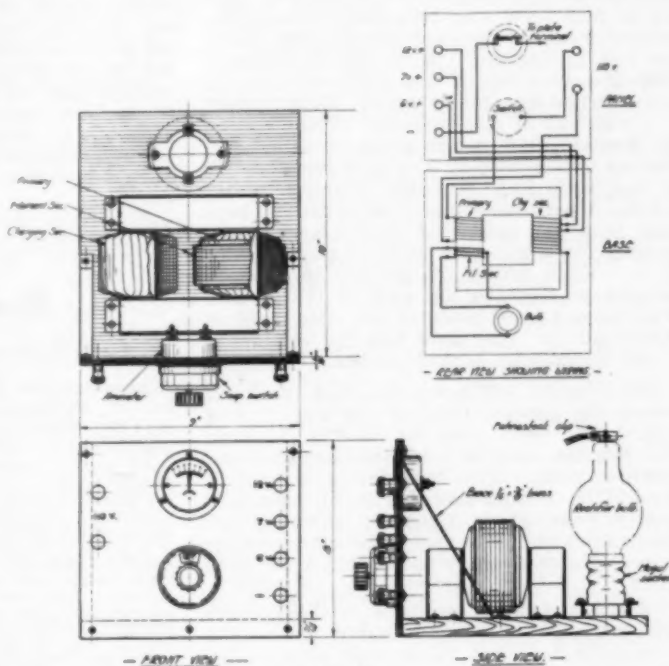


Fig. 3

marked "7" on the charger for a few hours. Two six-volt batteries may be charged in series at about three amperes by connecting their proper terminals between the posts marked "negative" and "12". If, when charging, the ammeter reads on the discharge side of its scale, reverse the connections on the back of the ammeter.



## Amateur Radio Club of Seattle Presents a Method to Keep the Air as it Should Be

IN days of old when the spark was heard on the air in the Northwest, Seattle was among those cities bothered by her own QRM. Now Seattle is a sparkless city, a condition brot about in no small way by the following methods. The club was trying to find some way to remedy the QRM, generally caused by some ham holding down his key to see the sparks fly or playing with the coupling of the O.T.—in fact, it had reached the place where traffic handling was out of the question. Then Mr. J. G. Nordahl, 7IB, made what he called the Rubber Contact Cooty Key and presented it to the first ham reported causing undue QRM. Upon being presented with the key, said ham got somewhat frilled and began looking for some other unlucky guy to hand it to. Each fellow on getting the key is obliged to engrave his call on it; in this way we can keep track of the number that have had it. One ham has his call on it three times—the record so far.

Since spark left town and C.W. took its place, the use for the key has almost died out, but it still goes its rounds, keeping the Seattle amateurs on the straight and narrow path. The last fellow to get it was 7UU; it was awarded to him for telling a yarn about lightning striking antennas, which, altho true, still sounded haywire. No more such yarns will be told in club.

Another trophy we have is the oilcloth diaphragms. They help a fellow when he is compelled to listen to his cwn sigs in the next block on a two-step. It is a convincing argument to QRT during certain hours.

Before presenting either of these tokens a mock trial is held to determine if the accused is guilty. This trial is carried on in the regular form of a court, with the club acting as jury. The verdict is nearly always "guilty." Various other forms of punishment are given also, but by the combined methods the gang lives up to the laws as set down by the club, for if they are

disobeyed the consequences are not pleasant to think of. As a result the air in Seattle is as near perfect as any place, and if the harmonics of the broadcasts could be eliminated we would be content.

Our rubber-contact cootie key was made as follows. The kid brother's Meccano is robbed of a base plate and two right-angles. Next procure a short length of steel strap to use for the vibrator; fasten it to the two right-angles, and then fasten the angles to the base. Next get two rubber blocks and fasten one on each side of the strap. The key is completed then and is guaranteed not to pass juice, so it is perfectly safe in the hands of the offenders and serves to remind them of their offense. This system works here; maybe it will help to solve like problems in other sections of the country.

The Seattle Amateur Radio Club extends its good wishes to the other clubs of the world.

—I.V.I.

## Book Review

By S. Kruse, Technical Editor

"Experimental Radio", by R. R. Ramsey, Ph. D., Professor of Physics, Indiana University. The University Book Store, Bloomington, Ind. \$1.60.

All experimenters!! Here's your book at last! Strictly a laboratory manual, this book will help you a good deal in getting the hang of radio laboratory work. There are 50 radio experiments and 12 others that help in understanding radio work. There is a plentiful supply of references to standard texts, and when these fail the theory of the experiment is given directly and completely. No amateur can help getting a tremendous amount of good from working his way thru this book. He will learn to do his own thinking, and he will learn to use the apparatus he has to find out the answers to such questions as "How big ought my antenna to be?"; "Is my ground connection good?"; "What is the capacity of this condenser?"; "How can I make the cheapest receiving set?"

"Wireless Course in Twenty Lessons," by S. Gernsback, A. Lescarbours and H. W. Secor. Published by the Experimenters Publishing Co., New York. Price \$2.00 in limp cover with gold stamping.

In the 12th edition the "Wireless Course" has become so unified that the authors would have been well justified in dropping the old form of division into lessons; the "course" has become a book.

Like all the previous editions the book makes in-



teresting reading, and its form is very greatly improved by a complete re-writing and an extension to additional subjects. Both amateur and broadcast-fans will find here interesting accounts of radio matters that are entirely new to them. We find ourselves especially appreciating the historical chapter. It is a rare radio author these days who can discuss the various "super" and "ultra" circuits of the moment and still keep in mind the fact that radio is an old art. The authors of the "Wireless Course" have kept this general vision and have tied the entire book together very skilfully by references to the beginnings of the various pieces of modern apparatus.

It is a pleasant book, a readable book, and an interesting book. We only regret that it is necessary to bring up objections to Lesson 5 which gives the wholly incorrect impression that the modern amateur sending set uses spark equipment and—what is much worse—that these spark sets employ fixed gaps and electrolytic interrupters.

"Radio Simplified", by Lewis F. Kendall, Jr., Instructor, and Robert P. Koehler, Director, of the Y.M.C.A. Radio School, Philadelphia. The John C. Winston Co., Chicago, Philadelphia and Toronto. Price 1.00.

When beginning to read "Radio Simplified" we were at once struck by the large amount of good common sense shown in the chapter on "Erecting the Aerial". There isn't a bit of romance or nonsense in that chapter; we wish the installation men of all radio stores could be compelled to read it.

The same keynote runs thru the whole book; the reader is told in simple and straightforward language how he may build most of the modern receiving devices and the telling is done without introducing a single wild theory, but with ample detail so that even the most inexperienced should be able to follow.

Distinctly "Radio Simplified" is one of the better class of radio books that is beginning to replace the low-grade publications that filled the market two years ago.

We find but one express need for improvement; the chapter on spark sending sets should by all means have been omitted to allow expansion of the one on tube transmitters, a subject that is given rather scanty attention.

"Acoustics and the Telephone", by G. B. Crouse, Chief Engineer, The Connecticut Instrument Co., Inc., Stamford, Conn. No charge.

This little pamphlet relates to the "C. I. C." headset and explains the scientific reasons for its unusual construction. The effects of correct magnetic airgap and non-resonant diaphragms are especially mentioned.

"Mast and Aerial Construction for Amateurs", by F. J. Ainsley, Associate Institute Civil Engineers. Published by The Wireless Press, Ltd., 1 Henrietta St., Strand, London. Price in England 1/6, American price not known.

Even in a month of good books "Mast and Aerial Construction for Amateurs" stands out as an excellent piece of work. No matter what your interest in radio may be you will still find some very interesting reading in this clearly-written and well-printed booklet. The masts described are small, from the American standpoint, but the methods of construction are so well set forth that it is perfectly easy to expand the author's 35 footers into the 70 footers we are accustomed to thinking of. By all means order a copy.

"Constructional Data on the Superdyne Receiver", by Boyd Phelps, Research Engineer, The C. D. Tuska Co. Published by the C. D. Tuska Co., Hartford. 50¢.

This booklet is intended to supplement the article which appeared in the November issue of QST under

the title of "The Superdyne Receiver". A later type of set is described in the booklet and constructional details are given. In view of the good account this set has given of itself there should be quite a demand for the booklet, which is clearly written and well printed.

"Fundamentals of Radio", by James L. Thomas, A.B. D. Van Nostrand, New York, \$1.50.

An interesting book for the man who wishes to learn something of radio but does not wish to make a business of it. The book assumes an intelligent reader; one who will want to understand the "why" of things in the different types of sending and receiving sets. The author uses a bit of mathematics, he uses the language of the radioman, but he does these things so neatly and so clearly that the beginner will follow without the least difficulty. Distinctly, this is one of the good popular radio books.

"I.C.S. Radio Operator's Handbook", Compiled by Harry F. Dart, B.S.E.E. and edited by Francis H. Dane, Principal of the School of Electrical Engineering, International Correspondence Schools, Scranton, Pa. Price not indicated in copy received for review.

To those who know and cherish the publications of the International Correspondence Schools it is only necessary to say that "Radio Operator's Handbook" is up to the I.C.S. standard. No further recommendation is needed.

The book is of convenient pocket size and contains 400 pages of concise to-the-point diagrams with characteristic brief and clear explanations. In addition there are about 100 pages of formulas and tables with the units given for every one of them. (How we do wish all textbook writers would learn that trick!)

The last 50 pages are given to a call-list, common and unfortunate habit of present-day radio books which seem not to appreciate the fact that such lists are hopelessly obsolete in six months and had better be left to the callbooks proper.

"Theory and Operation of Reflex Circuits", by Edwin S. Watkins. Published by The Wireless Shop, Los Angeles, 25¢.

Because it is strictly necessary, the author starts by diving into deep water; he insists that the reader will never understand the reflex until he understands the actions of condensers and chokes in separating high and low frequency currents. It is good that someone has had the courage to do this. Various circuits are then described, leading up to a reflex neutrodyne. The illustrations are good—and the author does not make any wild claims.

"British Standard List of Terms and Definitions Used in Radio Communication". Published by Crosby, Lockwood & Son, 7 Stationer's Hall Court, Ludgate, London, E.C.4. Price in England 1/ plus 1/2d postage; American price not given.

Perhaps the most prominent feature of this booklet, to the American eye, is the fact that there is strong need for international standardization of terms. The British list swarms with terms that sound strange to us; some of these strangers are better than our own terms, others are worse. Certainly something should be done to secure agreement between "radiation height" and "effective height", between "dead space" and "zero beat", and between "reaction" and "feedback".



# Strays

**Flash—9ZT Wins 1923 Hoover Cup**  
The A.R.R.L. Board of Directors at a meeting just as we go to press, awarded the Hoover Cup for 1923 to Don C. Wallace, Station 9ZT, Minneapolis, Minn. See next QST for details and a description of the winning station.

**Puzzle (to be answered by law violators).**  
If the best amateur waves are ten meters above the law, how can we account for this?—

Lowest power spark to cover 500 miles used 135 meters  
Lowest powered station to work WNP used 190 meters  
Loudest signal from Chicago to east coast used 80 meters  
Steadiest Texas signal heard in New England used 125 meters  
Best amateur Transatlantic signal to date used 100 meters  
Poorest fist heard in Hartford used 210 meters  
Rottenest CQ hound on record used 213 meters

Names of all but the last two on request—the last pair don't know any better and are not to be held responsible.

It is a good stunt to take your filament voltmeter apart and put a rather heavy line with red ink at the normal scale reading. This can be regarded as a danger mark and will help to keep the operators of your station from overloading the filaments.

## Suggestion for Radio Party

Players sit in semicircle before a 1DH transmitter using 2 to 4 fifty-watters. 2200 volts A.C. is supplied the plates and the key is held down. All players are told to keep their eyes on the antenna ammeter and watch for a pleasant surprise while the operator connects a 2 microfarad condenser across the antenna and counterpoise terminals. The object of the game is to guess where the ear splitting crash came from. The booby prize goes to the operator.

What has become of the ham who calls three times and signs three times? We haven't heard him in the longest time!

When you send that card or letter to an amateur in a foreign country be sure there is enough postage on it. Don't expect it to go half way around the world for one or two cents. Consult your postmaster regarding the proper postage first as it varies with the country the letter is addressed to.

Many of your questions regarding the super-heterodyne set can be answered by digging the April, 1923, issue out of your file of old QST's and rereading the article called "Building a Super-Heterodyne and Making it Work", by O. A. Kimball, which appeared on page 19 of that issue.

## A New Broadcast Set

The Bristol Co., of Waterbury, Conn., have brought out a new B.C.L. set, licensed under the Grimes Inverse Duplex amplification patents, which is unusual in many of



its constructional points. As shown by our cut, the equipment is mounted on a horizontal panel in a mahogany case with hinged lid, all connections to the set except phones being made thru a panel board mounted at the back of the case. Ten plugs with 4-ft. cords are part of the equipment. The first two tubes are r.f. amplifiers, the third a detector, and then the first two tubes are

used again in inverse order as reflexed audio amplifiers, the final tube being a power amplifier in the well known and really excellent Bristol circuit. The combination makes an unusual set; in fact, it was the good results Grimes experienced with the Bristol power amplifier which first brought the two interests together in relations which resulted in the Bristol Co. purchasing the remaining ten licenses under the Grimes system.

The set has but one control, a vernier-equipped tuning knob. A voltmeter, showing the voltage at which the amplifier tubes are operating, is a valuable and rarely-seen part of the set.

The Mercury Radio Products Co. of Little Falls, N. J., are also licensees under the Grimes Inverse Duplex patents and manufacture sets employing that circuit.

A. L. Budlong of Washington, D. C., author of recent QST articles on receivers, and secretary of the A.R.R.L. Railroad Emergency Service Committee, has joined our headquarters staff to take charge of the preparation of material for our newspaper syndicate service thru the Publicity Department. Bud, LQ, and Beek have formed a Triple Alliance at Silver Lane, Conn., and will be on the air soon with various sets and a variety of calls.

It was a set using four 50-watt tubes at Camp Alfred Vail, 2CXL, that was heard in Holland; not the "Constant Frequency Set With a Record" described on page 19 of the January QST. Mr. Rives went on the air February 1st for a month with the little master-oscillator set, however, and locked up the 50-watters.

This "Question and Answers" business will be the death of us yet. Here's just one of them that has us guessing; "Dear Eddy; Can you tell me the function of a heterogeneropliothermodynatron when used in conjunction with a hot dog radio frequency super differential oxyliferous thermionic dynamic ohm eliminator of the 500-volt E.M.F. type?"—Any suggestions as to a possible solution?

Approximately 200 messages were filed at the A.R.R.L. booth at the Radio Show recently in conjunction with the Twin City Auto Exposition at Minneapolis, for transmission to various parts of the U.S. Two men were at the booth during the show to explain the aims and objects of the League and to accept message traffic. Don. C. Wallace, 9ZT, was a member of the general show committee and was largely responsible for the success of the radio booth.

The Southern California Radio Assn. had an interesting booth at the American Radio

Exposition Co.'s show in Los Angeles in February, with ham sets on exhibit and the gang keeping open house and answering questions from prospective amateurs. Sold a bunch of QST's, too, and signed up some members for A.R.R.L., for which many thanks, fellows.

#### Tests with Australia and South Africa

K. P. Frederick, editor of *Radio Journal*, sends complete schedule for tests with Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. In all cases, the American and Canadian amateurs are to use wave-lengths between 100 and 200 meters for transmission—those with special calls using the waves below 150 meters. Australia and New Zealand amateurs will use 200 to 300 meters.

It is very important that careful slow sending be used that amateurs in those countries may recognize calls and not guess at them. The idea isn't to call three hundred times and sign once, but to call a few times and sign oftener—they don't want to hear what you are calling, but they want to hear your call. Stations in the tests are to send a brief sentence of a few words, changing each night but keeping a complete record of each transmission for verification later. Refer to December QST and use the proper interval in every case. During the tests there will be no code words, but you are to call "Australia and New Zealand" in one test and "South Africa" in the other.

The schedules for the first half of March didn't arrive in time for March QST when we were to listen for the Australian and New Zealand amateurs from March 15th to 31st.

Americans and Canadians transmit:

April 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 from Midnight to 3:00 A.M., P.S.T.

April 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, from 3:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M., P.S.T.

Attempts at two-way communication will be held from April 15 to 30 as per the following schedule:

American and Canadians transmit first and third 15 minutes of every hour; Australians and New Zealanders transmit second and fourth 15 minutes of every hour.

April 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 from Midnight to 3:00 A.M., P.S.T.

April 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29 from 3:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M., P.S.T.

#### South Africa Tests

Amateurs in South Africa will listen for all amateurs to transmit from 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. standard time. Thus, no matter what time zone you come under, you are to transmit from 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. which means that amateurs in South Africa will be listening from 12:30 A.M. to 6:00 A.M., South African time. The

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### A LOW LOSS ANTENNA INSULATOR

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by this time. Now, transfer the rod quickly from the flame to the mould, placing the heated end of the glass rod in the drilled hole. By careful manipulation of the rod, the heated end can be formed into a very neat head as shown in Fig. 2. This will require a little practice. Now the very

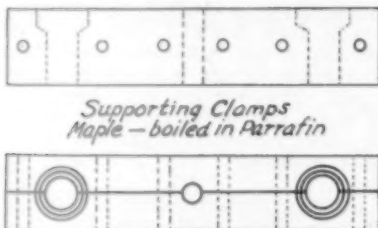


FIG. 5

important part follows. Return the piece to the flame and cool very slowly by turning down the gas by degrees. If allowed to cool too rapidly, it will very likely strain and crack. This annealing process should cover a period of from 20 to 30 minutes at least.

Construction of the finished insulator will be left to each individual operator, but there are a few important items to take into consideration when preparing it for installing into the antenna system. Metal collars placed below the heads of the rods are not as satisfactory from a viewpoint of dielectric losses as the method in use at 1CEK which is shown in Fig. 3 and in Figs. 4 and 5. This method has several advantages. The support bars leave a clearance of about  $\frac{1}{4}$ " between the glass and the bars to allow for expansion and contraction of the glass. Two glass rods are used to give greater strength.

Flux shields should be provided to distribute the flux and prevent losses from corona which is sure to occur where metal

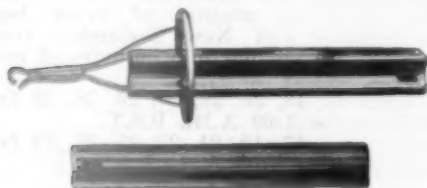


Fig. 6  
10" Ohio Brass Co. Porcelain Insulator with and without Corona Shield.

collars are used in direct contact with the glass.

The writer has endeavored to present this article in such a manner as to allay the fear of attempting construction of this type of insulator. The use of same in

your radiating system will make a very pleasing increase in your DX.

### AMATEUR RADIO STATIONS

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mediately went home, pulled some wire out of the tuning unit of the superheterodyne and that night heard 8AB 15 feet from the phones. The next afternoon the old 55-wave with a hole in its grid and plate was resurrected and made to put one ampere into the antenna on short waves. French 8AB was worked that night. A.W.E. 250-watter replaced the 50-watt tube and progress on short waves was then rapid. It was not long before stations in England and Holland were communicated with almost nightly. The latest record was made when ACD in Italy was worked and complete messages received.

From the above, 2AGB was one of the pioneers in two-way Transatlantic work on short waves. The transmitter used for this work consisted of one 250-watt tube connected in the familiar three-coil Meissner circuit, except that the grid and plate coils are really sections of the same coil. Two pancake coils are used; one for the antenna circuit and one for the grid and plate circuits. The antenna series condenser controls the wave length and no other changes are necessary when shifting waves. This circuit does have the disadvantage, however, that the swinging of the antenna is liable to cause the wave to vary somewhat. Plate current is supplied by a Westinghouse 110-2200 volt pole transformer working through a home made synchronous rectifier. No filter is used. An antenna current of 6 amperes on 180 meters is obtained and from 3 to 4 amperes on wave lengths around 100 meters, depending on the plate voltage used. This same transmitter, changed over to the conven-



The Crew at 2AGB

tional Hartley circuit, is used on 180 meters for general amateur work.

The antenna at this station consists of a six-wire cage three feet in diameter hung between an 80-foot mast at the far end and a 50-foot tree at the lead-in end. The cage is 65 feet long. The counterpoise is made of three cages of varying lengths,

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# Radio Communications by the Amateurs

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## Long Wave Reception on Tape Recorder

Daytona Beach, Fla.

Editor, QST:

In the January, 1924, number of QST you inquire about "the fellows who used to be interested in the reception of Long-Wave foreign stations." Well, here is one of them! Why don't you run a "Long-Wave Department" in QST for us? I enclose some samples of long-wave reception as received and recorded on my radio relay and tape recording machine. I hooked up this machine as per the specifications of Dr. Dunmore, of the Bureau of Standards at Washington, D. C. My radio receiving set is a simple three-coil regenerative set. I use a 300-foot antenna for all reception from amateurs to station LY in France! (the latter using some 23,000 meters.) My reception seems to be about as good on all wave-lengths as any of the other elaborate and special sets I have read of. It is simply a matter of pulling out the large honeycomb coils, substituting my Groves single layer coils, and then adjusting the condensers, to tune in the amateurs and broadcasting stations, etc. Nothing could be simpler! As I have found amateur-sending usually very poor in style as well as usually uninteresting with its inevitable "CQ-ing," I have listened in mostly on the broadcasting and long-wave stations. The samples of tape that I am sending you were all of long-wave stations in this country. It is simply a matter of amplification in order to record the foreign stations on the tape, I understand. I have not retouched the tape in the slightest, so you see it just as it come in on my set. This Dunmore Relay and tape recorder is a wonderful thing for showing up one's "style" in transmitting! As long as the long-wave stations are transmitting automatically, the record on the tape comes in well, and is good to look at; but when the operator breaks in to transmit by hand, very often it is difficult to translate the dots and dashes quickly, if at all! I wish all transmitting amateurs could see the stuff they might record on the tape! (Their "CQ's" even would not look as beautiful as they think!)

My Dunmore Relay is not in cabinet form, but is spread all over my table. I

use usually only two steps of audio amplification to work the relay, although it will work on one step sometimes, just depending on the intensity of the received signals. I once succeeded in getting my set to record a few letters from station UFT in France, also NBA in Panama. Have succeeded in recording most of the long-wave stations in this country from WQL to old NAA.

In closing let me again mention that I owe many thanks to one of your contributors, Mr. A. L. Groves of Brooke, Va., for the information he originally gave me as to the use of honeycomb coils, and especially as to the use of his own single-layer coils for the short waves. He used to be a splendid long-wave man himself, but seems to have given up most of his time lately to the short and even shorter waves!

—Henry I. Middleton.

## Modulating the Low Power Phone Set

Palo Alto, Calif.

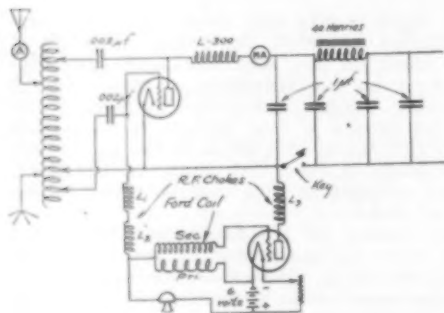
Editor, QST:

The attached hookup is the result of a line in the December QST regarding the use of the plate to filament resistance of a modulator tube as the grid leak of the oscillator tube. The set in question uses two 5-watt tubes with about 800 volts D.C. on the plates, supplied by a rectifier-filter system. The normal antenna current is 3.2 amperes and I have reports from all districts, 37 states, and New Zealand.

The first trouble in getting this modulation system to working was in keeping the r.f. current in the oscillator grid circuit out of the modulator tube. Two chokes were finally used on the grid side,  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  in series, and one on the filament side. One was a 500-turn honeycomb coil and the other a home-made choke of 350 turns of No. 25 D.C. wire wound on a tube and coated with a very little shellac. (This was the best choke). The only modulation transformer that would work well was a Ford coil, and even then it was necessary to switch the terminals around until the best arrangement was found.

Now for the operation of the set. As soon as the filament of the modulator is heated the whole set will squeal and con-

tinue to do so, increasing in pitch, until the tube is heated to about its full brilliancy. The oscillator plate current will steadily increase also during this process. This is the same effect as was described in the article "I.C.W. Without Mechanical Motion," by 9BXQ in the October issue of QST on page 20. The point for best modulation is where the filament rheostat is turned up until this squeal just stops.



At this point, the oscillator plate current was about three-fourths normal. If the microphone is now whistled into, the plate current will drop to about half of its former value with proportional drop in antenna power. With the phone the antenna current was about 2.6 amperes. Different tubes as modulators were tried but the best seemed to be a C-301 or a C-302. A bias of about 35 volts negative on the modulator was found to reduce the plate current to zero. If we could get a range of 0-35 volts on voice modulation, modulation would be 100%.

Now as to results. I have only operated the set one day but I have never had so many local calls. Everyone has pronounced the modulation perfect, and two fellows called to ask what I was using. One said that I was louder at 35 miles than most of the local phones, and so on. It certainly was different than my former attempts at phone. With increased voltage on the oscillator plate, to raise the plate current (This can also be done by putting a positive bias on the modulator—Dept. Ed.) it will be possible to maintain the same antenna current as when using C.W. and have the wave nearly fully modulated. I am lucky in having two storage batteries so that the separate one needed for the modulator tube filament is no drawback. If a UV-199 tube will pass the grid leak current, there is no reason why one could not be used with an Eveready "3" filament battery, although I have not tried this.

—N. R. Morgan, 6BM.

P.S. POSITION OF KEY: I have found the position of the key as shown in the

diagram to be the best yet when using the "Brute Force Filter." There is a 1 $\mu$ f condenser on either side, so that there is no sharp break in either circuit, and there is also a total of  $\frac{1}{2}\mu$ f across the key contacts; just enough to kill the spark.

### Isn't He Right?

1261 Jefferson Ave.,  
Ogden, Utah.

Editor, QST:

Just a few lines of suggestion that may go toward making more reliable the handling of traffic on the 200-meter wave length.

I have noticed lately a great deal of jamming on these wavelengths and have noticed that almost invariably the majority of the stations in sending their messages are repeating each word twice, and I know that in the majority of the cases that this is not necessary. It seems to be a great habit that the CW operators have adopted, regardless of the necessity, to repeat each word. I know I have been working stations and have told them that they were QSA and not to repeat, and they would come back with the same OK OK OM OM Hr Hr Nr Nr.

Now instead of making better operators of the average ham, it is a decided step backward to repeat. An operator loses confidence in his receiving ability. He is used to hearing the regular repeat all the time, and as soon as some one jumps him at a fair speed and no repeat he comes back "nd om pse QTA. QSZ." If the operator at the receiving end will learn to concentrate, learn to rely upon his own ability to receive a msg with no repeat, and if all stations will refrain from sending each word twice and only do so when asked by the receiving station out of absolute necessity, traffic will be handled faster, we will have a great number of better operators, and there will be far less congestion of traffic on the 200 meter wave.

I would like very much to see something done in regards to this matter, and I think you will say that I am right. It is only a suggestion and I would be very much pleased to receive your views on the matter and also the views of other operators.

—W. C. Garner, 6ZAM.

### Rotten Rectifiers

Chester, Pa.

Editor, QST:

Well, Eddy, I don't know which is more stubborn, a woman, an electrolytic rectifier, or maybe a mule. I thought as how it would be fine to have D.C. on the plates of my tubes so I could use fone sometimes, maybe. Then the BCL's that have delirium tremens every time they see a light in my radio shack would know it was me inter-

fering instead of having to just guess who it was.

Well, anyhow, Ed I got me some of the wife's cooking utensils that the man she bought 'em from said was pure aluminum. I didn't doubt it because they cost enough to be almost anything.

Well, Ed, after I had just about kilt myself from eating home-made jelly to get the glasses, I finally got the thing fixed. Actually, Ed, that thing raised my radiation on my maybe-more-than-likely-not hot wire meter exactly six tenths of an amp. It sounded fine in my receiver too. The first guy what I calls gets me and sez "QSA vy QSB AC note". Well, Ed, I knew rite away that he had a punk receiver so I shut down for a while.

Well, Ed, things was going fine after while when the darn cat walks in and just conversationally-like sez "Meow!" You won't believe it, Ed, but that thing ain't worked since.

Well, then I went back to the hardware store and told the man if that stuff he sold me was supposed to be aluminum to give me some sheet pig iron. Anyhow Ed, I got another rectifier built and used distilled water this time after putting the fire out a couple of times when I was distilling it. This one worked fine until the solution got shy and interrupted me in the act of saying what I thought about liquids in general; which was an act of Providence. So then I had to rebuild the thing again and again. The third one went fine until my neice took the measels and immediately the rectifier begins to work considerable less than none at all.

Nr 4 was OK until I put a filter on and then it got shy and balked on me. I turns off the juice and started to extract said filter. I swear, Ed, I turned the juice off but that darn contraption give me an awful jump. When I woke up and got my bearings again I started for a mop and then some new glasses for nr. 5. After a while, when they got me to come down out of the tree where I had went to look for squirrels I decided to make a good rectifier or bust.

Six days I labored and the seventh I prayed. Next day I connected it up and pushed the key. It was about six p.m. at nite Ed, and the lights were lit. That is, before I pushed the key they were. After they got the new meter put in I found that my plate transformer was shot.

—E. E. Miles, 3ADQ.

P.S. Had fine time last Saturday shooting the jelly glasses off the back fence.

### What About It, Fellows?

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Editor, QST:

The first thing I have to say is a few

words about this thing of not answering cards and letters. Perhaps you do not care about receiving reports on your signals, but it's a sure thing that the other fellow does, if he goes to the trouble of writing and mailing you a card. He does not care whether you have an expensive printed card, or a plain postal with only "tnx for card, U fb hr" scribbled on it, a card's a card, and it helps to make the pile bigger! It's mighty disheartening, especially to the fellow with low power, to finally raise a distant station and then have him fail to QSL your card. What will happen to our famous A.R.R.L. spirit if we give up this practice of writing to fellow hams and getting a little closer acquainted? Would



we still have the same spirit and love for the game if *no one* sent cards? There is not an amateur in the country that is too busy to answer every report that he receives. Don't be selfish. Be a good sport. Start answering those cards *today*.

The next topic is about keys. There is not more than one out of every hundred hams that can operate a cootie or bug so that it really sounds good. Then why, oh why, do half of the fellows in the country persist in using them, when they could send so much better with a good old straight key? The average amateur does not send over fifteen words per minute, and this slow pace surely doesn't demand a speed key. Let's do away with the fancy keys and develop some real fists that are a pleasure to read.

Next I want to say a few words about the epidemic of ham fones that is running across the country. Of all the disgusting things, this takes the cake. They talk about the sparks and the synk rectifiers being broad, but they're just naturally out of it when compared to the squeaks and groans emitted by an amateur fone. What's the use of this thing anyway? It's NG for DX, useless for handling traffic, in fact, all that it does is gum up the air for everybody. If the fellows are so crazy about





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fone, why don't they get a broadcast license and get up on the broadcast wave lengths where they belong? They would get a lot more cards from the BCL's, and this is evidently their reason for using it.

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Editor, *QST*:

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—A. Leonard Brougham.

### STRAYS

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dates for the South African Tests are April 14 to May 12, inclusive.

The A.R.R.L. is behind these tests and we urge every amateur to dust the cobwebs off his transmitter and get busy. We want to see two-way communication established with Australia and New Zealand—don't forget that a genuine Australian boomer goes to the first ham who does it—and we want to see a flock of calls logged in South Africa.

—F.H.S.

### AMATEUR RADIO STATIONS

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each having three wires and suspended 8 inches above the ground.

2AGB has four operators. In the photo, from left to right they are; D. A. Griffin "DA", Wallace Lander "WAL", John Tiffany "DC", and John Dodman "JO". Mr. Griffin and Mr. Dodman are the owners of the station, Mr. Tiffany is the Chief Op. and "sleepless wonder" who deserves most of the credit for the DX records made at the station, and Mr. Lander is the Technical Advisor. The station is located at 24 Oak Ridge Ave., Summit, New Jersey.

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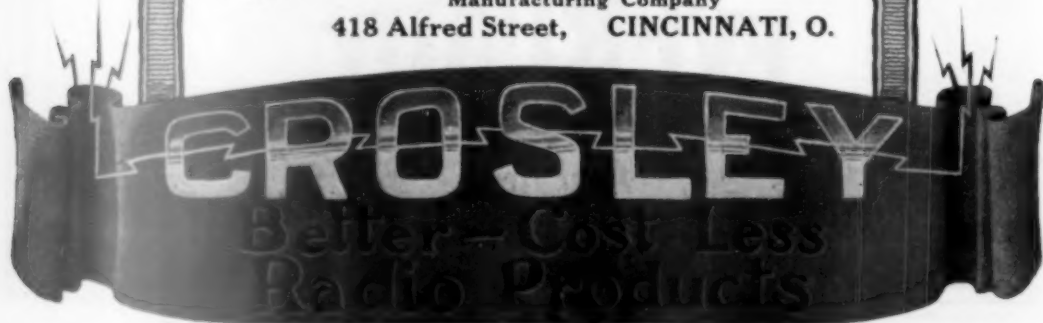
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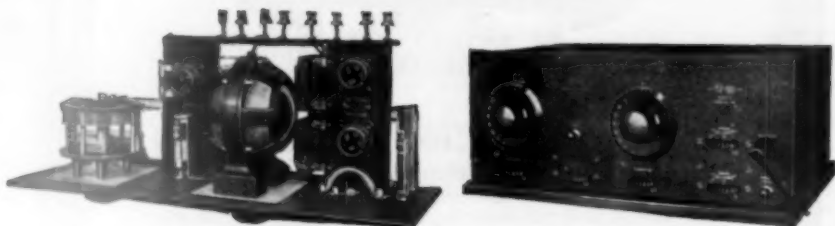


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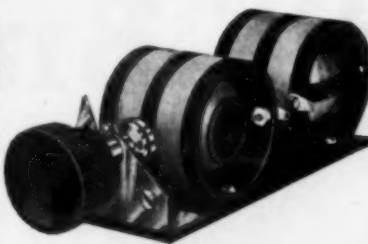
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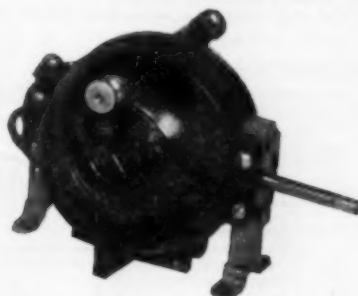
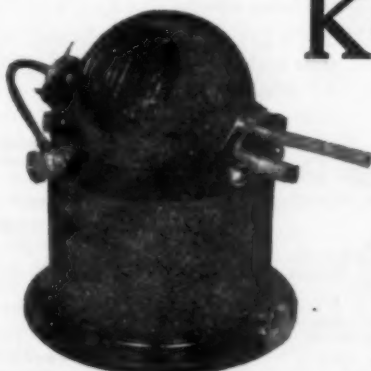
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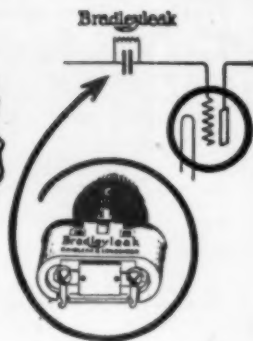
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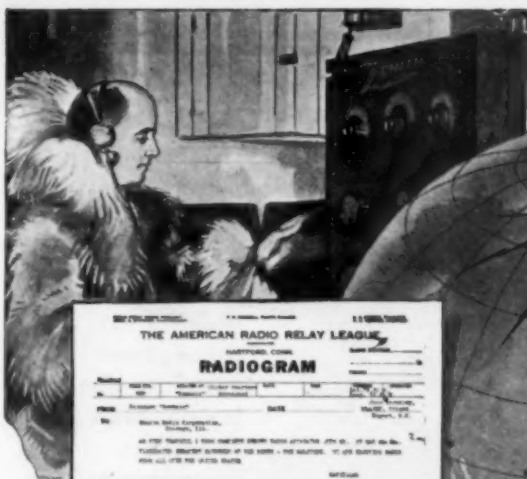
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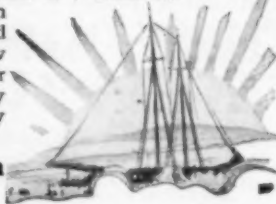
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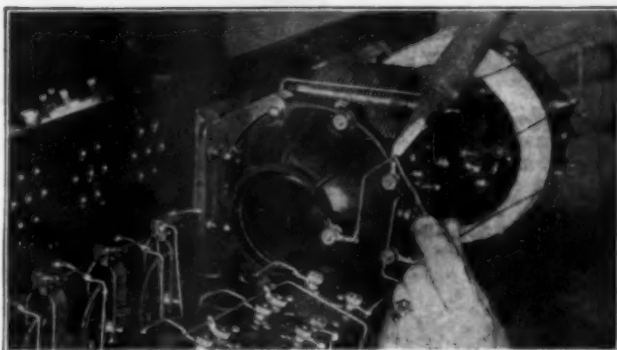
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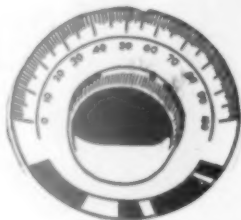
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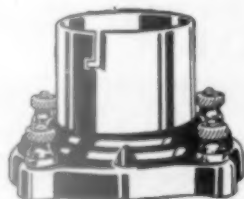
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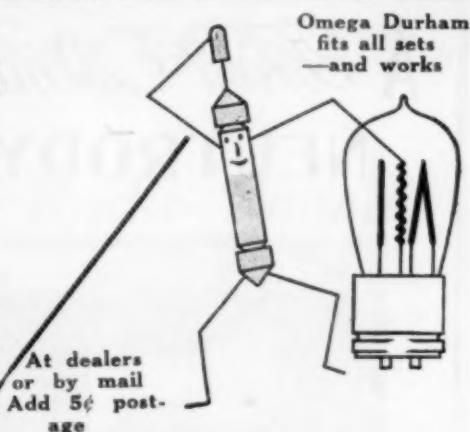
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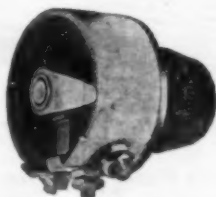
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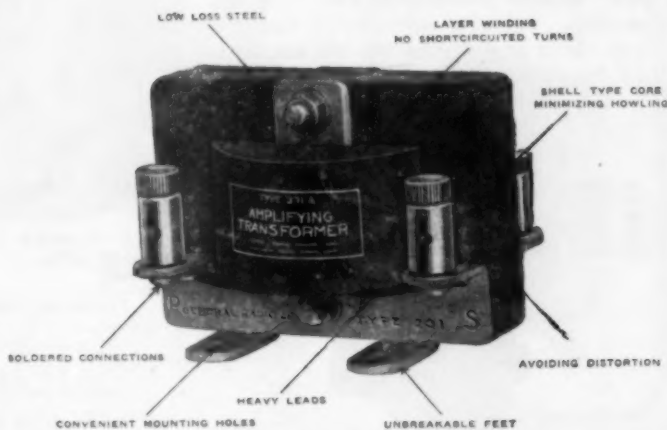


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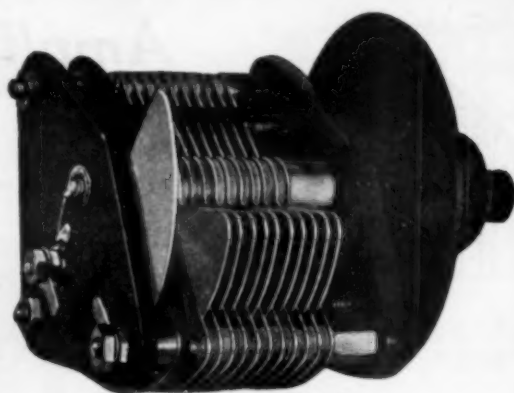
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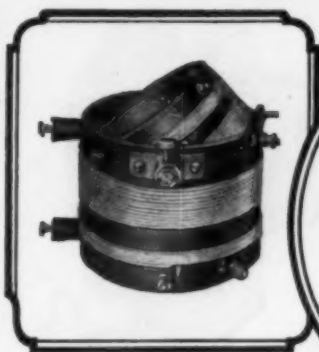
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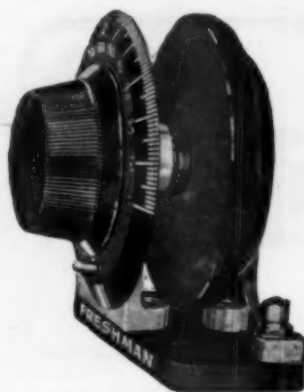
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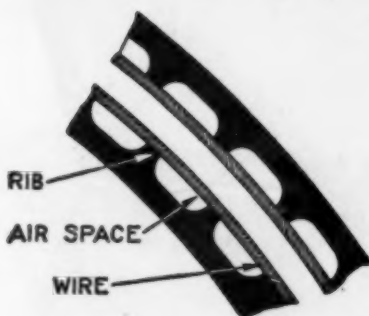
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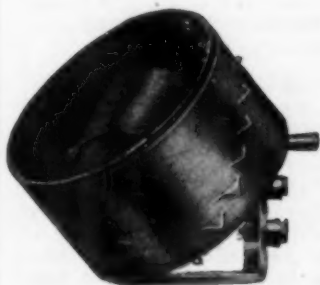




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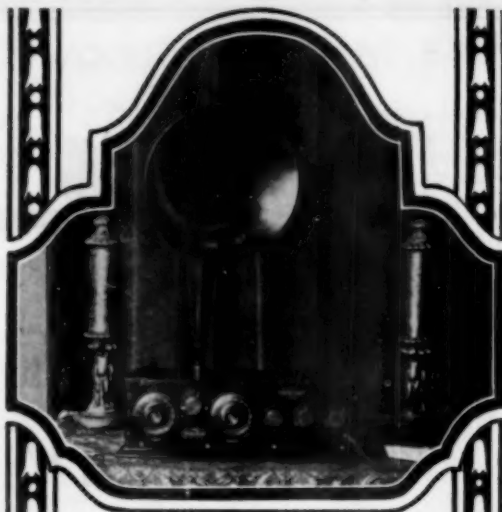
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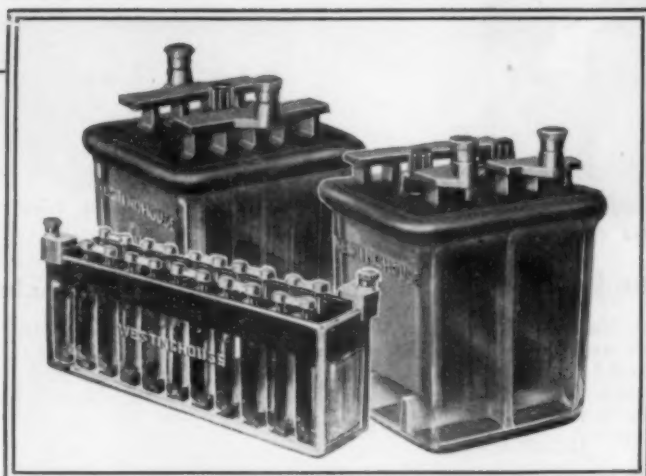
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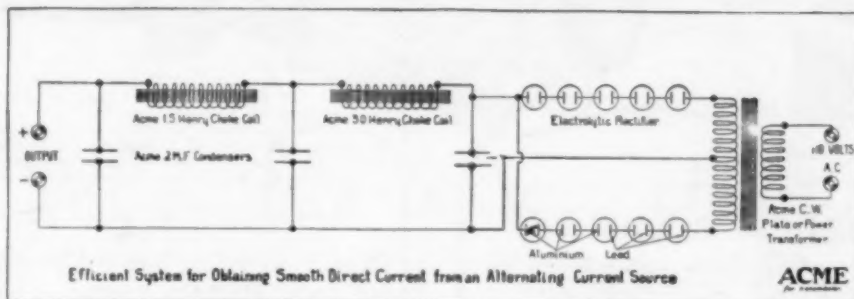
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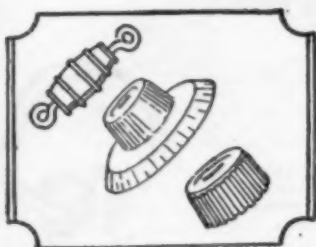


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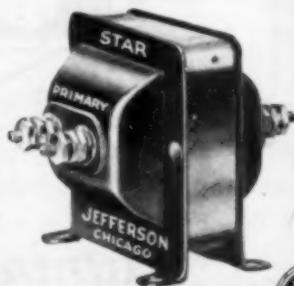
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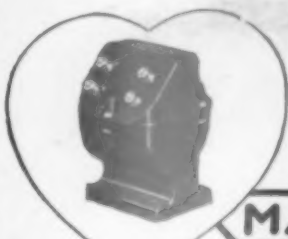
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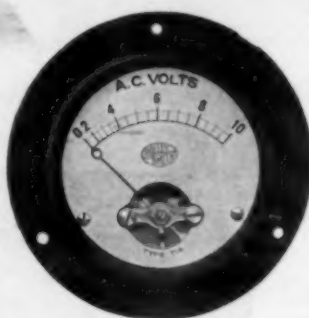


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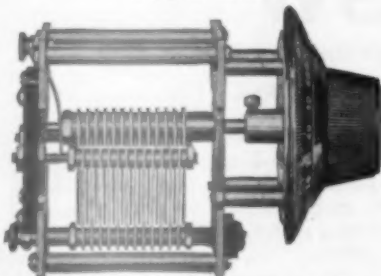
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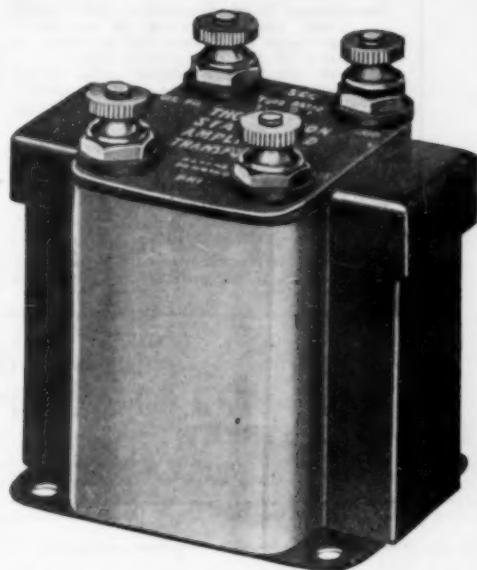
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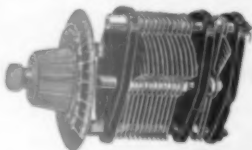
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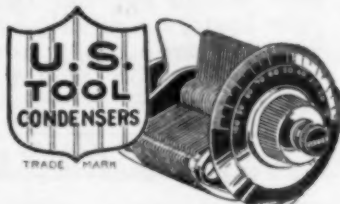
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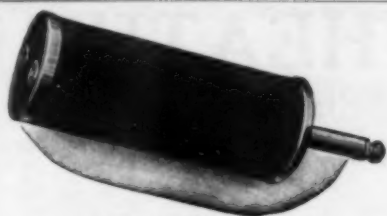
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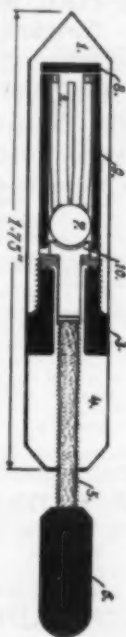
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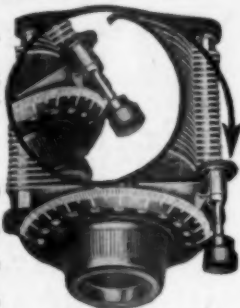
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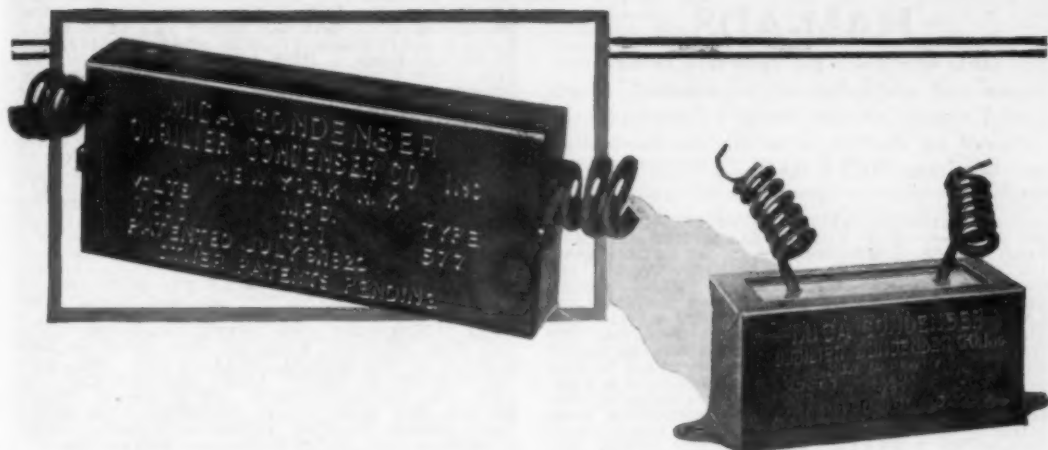
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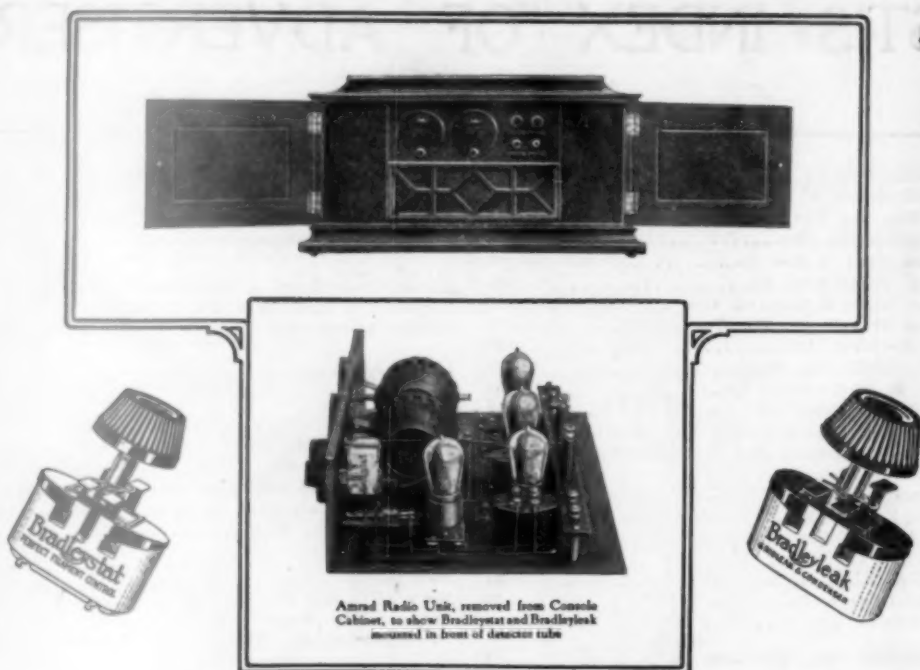


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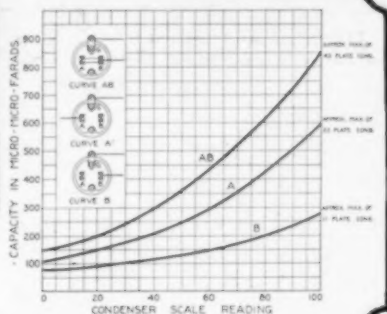
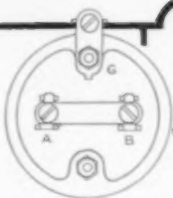
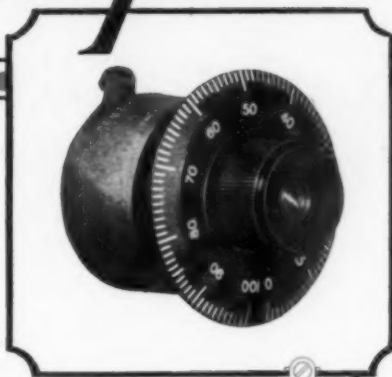


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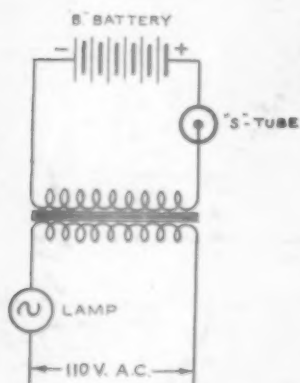
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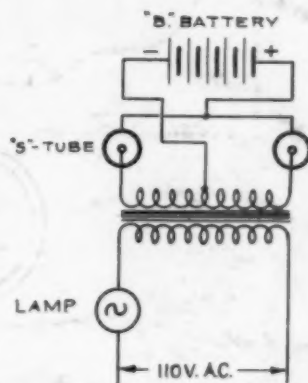
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